MUSCAT (AP) - Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu affirmed his MUSCAT (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kanu surrineu nis country's insistence on an Iraqi pullout from Kuwait and the return of the rule of the Al Sabah family as he wound up a five-state Middle East tour Monday. Kaifu's spokesman, Shigeo Takaneka, in a statement distributed by the official Omani News Agency said the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait was "unacceptable." The Gulf crisis should be solved by peaceful means and "macceptable. I me Guit Grass-should be scaved by peacetal means and within the framework of the U.N. Security Council resolutions, he said in the statement distributed in Arabic. "Japan insists on the Iraqi pullout the statement distributed in Arabic. "Japan insists on the Iraqi pullout from Kuwait, the return of its legitimate government and the release of all hostages detained in Iraq," he added. Kaifu was in Oman on the fifth leg of a tour that started Oct. 2 in Egypt and took him to Jindan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia before he came to Oman. The spokesman said that his talks with the Oman ruler, Sultan Qaboos, helped further development of a confident hilsteral relations" herween the two countries. I span which "excellent bilateral relations" between the two countries. Japan, which depends on the Middle East for the bulk of its oil needs, buys 48 per cent of Oman's daily output of some 650,000 barrels. The sultan accepted an invitation to visit Tokyo, the spokesman said.



2 U.S. pilots die, 8 marines missing

DHAHRAN (R) - Two American pilots died when their reconnaissance ptane crashed in Saudi Arabia Monday and eight marines were feared dead after their helicopters disappeared. Two pilots of the Alabama Air National Guard were killed when their RF-4C plane crashed on a "training" flight in southern Saudi Arabia, an air force statement said. The cause was unknown. Eight marines crewing two UH-1N Hucy helicopters disappeared m a night training mission in the northern Arabian Sea off Oman and were feared dead, the U.S. military said. Military sources said the helicopters from the amphibious assault ship Okinawa could have collided and fallen into the sea but their disappearance was still under investigation. "We've got a lot of men and a lot of equipment out there. They've got to fly to train, so unfortunately these things happen," an air force spokesman said. Four U.S. airmen have now died in two jet crashes in Saudi Arabia since the U.S. military deployment began in Angust. Two crewmen were killed when their F-15 crashed in

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King condoles UAE president

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Monday sent a cable of condolences to the president of the United Arab Emirates for i. (UAE), Sheikh Zayed Ben Sulof UAE Vice-President Sheikh Rashed Ben Saced Al Maktoum of Dubai. King russem and Mak-ia (ob. a similar cable to Sheikh Mak-pashed Al Maktoun, of Dubai. King Hussein also sent son of the deceased, and to the Maktoum family. The King said in his cable that he would always remember the stands of the deceased towards Jordan, which has shouldered and will continue to happe and on shoulder its Arab and Islamic responsibilities. (See related story on page 2) i come

™ 🔩 King visits nnous army unit

AMMAN (Petra) -- His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Monday visited the command of the Twelfth Royal Mechanised Division where he was received by the division's commander and senior officers. King Hussein, who was accompa-nied by His Rnyal Highness Prince Abdullah, was briefed by the commander on the training process and the division's duties.

Saudis said to bar Arafat piane

AMMAN (R) - Saudi Arabia prevented a Libyan plane carrving Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat crossing its airspace to Yemen, a PLO official said Monday. "The Sandi authorities did not give clearance to a private Libyan plane carrying Abn : TE Ammar to fly over their territory. Abu Ammar had to take another z plane to Sanaa," PLO Executive 12 24 Milhem told Reuters. Arafat was travelling to Yemen.

Somali rebels hold Red Cross workers

GENEVA (R) — Two Red Cross workers seized by Somali rebels last weekend are in good health but a third was confirmed killed in the rebel ambush, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Monday. "We had confirmation from SNM (Somali National Movement) sources this morning that the two kilumetres southeast of Hargeisa," a spokeswoman in the ICRC's Geneva headquarters and. A Somali police vehicle vas ambushed by SNM guerrillas m northwest Somalia Saturday. Swiss ICRC delegate Peter Altwegg died of his wounds in Hargeisa. Swiss ICRC worker Antonella Notari and Somali Red Crescent representative Sahra Annad Jana were captured and Somali Red Crescent worker Hassan Arab was able to fice.

Soviet military team visits Syria

DAMASCUS (R) - A Soviet military delegation arrived in Damascus Monday for a weeklong visit at the invitation of the Syrian army command, officials said. The delegation, led by Major-General Nicolae Kolovitwas welcomed at the airport by Mohammad Ibrahim Al Ali, commander of the Syrian army. in an airport statement, Kolovitbey praised cooperation between Syria and the Soviet Union, and stressed the need to improve their already good ties.

Gorbachev warns ^{against} separatism

MOSCOW (R) — President Michail Gorbachev warned Commist Party leaders Monday that allure to contain separatism in he Soviet Union's restive repubfice could lead to the country caking up like Lebanon. Gorlachev, addressing the first plenmy inceting of the party's Central Committee since last July's landnark party congress, also urged Ommunists to abandon once and for all their prejudices about dopting market economics. The oviet leader, whose opening beech to the plenum was reorted by TASS news agency, aid the most important task for ets was to "resist presste from separatist forces."

Massacre in Jerusale

Israelis kill at least 30 Palestinians at Haram Al Sharif

Combined agency dispatches Haram Al Sharif Complex, which

ISRAELI SOLDIERS and civlians Monday shot dead between 22 and 30 Palestinians and wounded bundreds in occupied Jewish temple and a group of Jerusalem when they opened fire Jewish zealots calling themselves at a large group protesting against a plan by Jewish zealots to lay a foundation stone for a Jewish temple at Haram Al Sharif, which houses the third boliest shrine of

International reports said 22 people were killed in the massacre while the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said at least 30 were shot dead. Another two Palestinians were shot dead ing to a PLO statement as many as 1,000 were shot and wounded in the day's violence.

thousands of Jews gathered near neenpied territories carry the Western Wall under the machineguns and other firearms.

houses the Al Agsa and Dome of the Rock mosques, Islam's two holiest shrines. Israelis believe that it is the site of an ancient "Temple Mount Faithful" had

planned to lay the foundation

stone Saturday to build a new

temple, reports said. Eyewitnesses quoted by international news agencies said hundreds of Palestinians rushed to the Haram Al Sharif complex after mosque loudspeakers urged them to come to the defence of the boly shrines. Shortly thereafter, they started throwing stones in the occupied Gaza Strip, where at the Jews gathered below, and protests erupted in the wake of as the crowd fled the area, Israeli the Jerusalem massacre. Accord- forces opened fire on the protes-

ters on the complex. Israel radin and army radio said they had reports of Israeli The violence erupted at 10:45 civilians opening fire on the a.m. when Palestinians stoned Palestinians, Many settlers in the

The Old City's narrow stone alleys cracked with antomatic rifle fire.

Arab Jerusalem's twn main hospitals were overwhelmed with casualties. Protests spread to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In Gaza, hospitals said two Palestinians were shot dead and at least 90 were injured in clashes with

The number of casualties in the West Bank were not immediately known since Israeli forces imposed blanket curfews on dozens of villages there.

According to the Israeli police version of the massacre, hundreds of Palestinians had barricaded themselves on the Haram Al Sharif complex after burning down an Israeli police post there. Police Commissioner Yaacov Turner argued that the protests were sparked by "rumours" that the "Temple Mount Faithful" were planning to lay a foundation

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Crown Prince condemns killings as outrageous

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Security Cnuncil resulutions Highness Crown Prince Hassan whether in regard to the issue of Monday condemned as "nutrageous" the massacre of at least 30 Palestinians in occupied Arab Jerusalem by Israeli forces.

The Crown Prince, answering a question put to him during an interview with the French daily newspaper Le Monde, said: "It is an ontrage at this moment of very high tension in the Gulf crisis and with Jerusalem still annexed after 23 years of Israeli occupation with the perception of the international forces in the Gulf region, and on the land of the two holiest places of Islam at Mecca and

"Given the hackground of the bitter feelings among the young people in the occupied territories and elsewhere, the question the people are asking is not on whether the international action to reverse the annexation of Knwait but that what the young see clearly is the continued nonimplementation of the U.N.

Crown

Prince

tribute

pays

whether in regard to the issue of the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories or whether in regard to the annexation of Jerusalem," he said. "They also see a veto on a fact-finding mission to the occupied territories and on top of this they also see this unfortunate action taken by Jewish extremists to build a temple within Haram Al Sharif area."

The Crown Prince said: "The explosiveness of the situation now is only a step away from moving the whole region from a crisis between conflicting states to a crisis of conflicting religious adherences. The Muslim perception sees the presence of the international forces, especialthe non-Muslim troops in the Gulf, as giving credence to the idea of a new crusade.

"This is how they see it. I'm not putting words into anybody's mouth. It is very clear that this is

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Jordan calls for world protection for Palestinians

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan Mnnday condemned as criminal and racist the massacre of at least 22 Palestinian Arabs during a protest in occupied Jerusalem against a planned march hy ultranationlist Jews who wanted to claim Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif and demanded that the world community intervene to stop such atrocities.

"Jordan strongly denounces this criminal and racist action committed by the ultranationalist group of Jews Monday morning at Haram Al Sharif in Arab Jerusalem which led in the massacre of a number of innocent Palestinians and the injury of many nthers," a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

"Inrdan strongly condemns this deliberate crime and appeals to the world community to intervene immediately to put an end to Israel's inhuman practices and

provide protection for the Palestinian people against such attacks committed by Jewish groups and the Israeli authorines and to safeguard the hnly places," the spokesman was quoted as saying by the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

"Inrdan calls nn the United Nations and the world community to force Israel to abide by the

The Lower House of parliament has been called for an emergency session Tuesday to discuss the massacre and the situation in the occupied terri-

Geneva conventions on the protection of civilians during war and to force Israel to implement U.N. Security Council resolutions on the provision of protection for the Palestinian people under occupation," the spokesman said.

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France stresses need to solve Mideast conflict; U.N. begins debate

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PRESIDENT FRANCOIS Mitterrand said Monday the massacre of Palestinians by Israeli police in Arab Jerusalem risked creating an irrev-ersible link between the Palestinian problem and the Gulf crisis.

Such linkage, which Iraq has tried to establish, could complicate efforts

to establish peace in the Middle East, the French leader indicated. "I do not intend to mix these two questions," Mitterrand told a news conference in Paris. But "one cannot try to defend human rights here and

neglect them there."
"Rights are rights," the president said. "The U.N. Security Council and the U.N. find themselves facing problems that now risk becoming linked." Italian Prime Minister Giulin Andreotti, who joined Mitterrand at

By Mariam M. Shahin

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Reaction in Jordan to

the killing of 30 Palestinians and the

wounding of hundreds by Israeli sol-

diers at the Al Aosa Mosque in Jerusalem came quickly as members of the Jordanian Women's Federation

began s sit-in and hunger strike in front of the United Nations office.

The women demanded that U.N.

peacekeeping forces be sent to the

Arab population from whom the

"We cannot wait; we must begin

our sit in tonight. The people in the

West Bank are in danger, Jordan is in

danger. The steps to create a massive

Leila Nafaz, a woman leader, told a

group of 50 women who had gathered

to initiate a sit-in and hunger strike which they said would last indefinite-

The number of women, who repre

other non-political groups in Jordan, grew to around 100 later in the

sent various politically organise

er may have already begun,

women described as "murderers.

occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip

ediately to protect the civilian

the news conference after a regular Franco-Italian summit conference, rejected any "confusion" of the two

Linkage would be "a veritable disaster that could overturn all efforts to achieve a peaceful solution," he said. French television commentators suggested the killings would be "a gift" for Iraq, which accused the West of winking at Israel's occupation of

Mitterrand said Monday's killings, the largest one-day toll in unrest since the 1967 war, dramstically underscored the need for negotiations to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

This is in itself a grave event which shows well the stalemate that for many years has trapped the world and the belligerents," he said, must unlock this situation.

massive protests planned today

Asma Khader, a Jardanian human

rights lawyer, urged all women in

Jordan, Arab and foreign, to join the

group in their demands to "stop the killings in the Holy Land."

Their demands, the women said, included the immediate implementa-

tion of all U.N. Security Council

resolutions on the question of Pales-

tine, the dispatch of U.N. peacekeep-

Arab population from Israeli bul-

lets." The women also called on the

United Nations Educational, Scien-

tific and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO) to dispatch their officials to

historic monuments from destruction.

took to the streets in major refugee camps in Amman, Irbid and Zarqa

while others began neganising mas-

deaf ears for over 40 years and every time a massacre occurs the U.N.

comes up with a statement of conde-

Our cries for justice have fallen on

sive protests for Tuesday.

Meanwhile enraged Palestinians

em to protect cultural and

ing forces to protect "the unarmo

Women begin sit-in strike;

He noted that France had long advocated an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict. The idea had acquired "new topicality" because of recent events, he said.
In a speech to the United Nations

on Sept. 24, Mitterrand urged Iraq to free all foreign hostages and quit Kuwait, saying "everything would be-come possible," including a general conference to sende the Middle East U.S. President George Bush, who

echoed the idea a week later, has been criticised by some conservative American commentators for even implying a link between the Guif and the occupied territories.

Asked if the violence could onen a 'second front" in the Gulf crisis, Mitterrand replied that "it's obviously not an accidental phenomenon (Continued on page 5)

forget the issue of Palestine because

long as we live we will fight for our

right to live in Palestine in peace.

Every time the Israelis kill a Palesti-

nian in Jerusalem they only make us more determined," said the activist.

He added that a general strike and a

massive demonstration encompassin

all political groups in the country would take place as of 8 a.m. Tuesday

in the Bequa camp.

As protesters took to the streets of

refugee camps and in front nf U.N. buildings, Hamas, the Palestinian fac-tion of the Muslim Brotherhood, de-

clared a three-day general strike in the occupied territories and called for

avenging the killing of Palestinians in Jerusalem Monday.

In a press release signed by eight

political committees in Jordan, most-

jousts, women and other organised groupings, called on lordanians in raise black flags for three days, called

on Muslims sheikhs to have non-stop

and the ringing of church bells, urging the government to open popular

readings of the Koran in the mosqu

pan-Arab and left wing, both un-

to Japan AMMAN (J.T.) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Monday that Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's recent visit tn Jnrdan was successful. The Crown Prince expressed hope that Japan would work hand

nations to help the countries affected by the Gulf crisis. "The visit was very timely and successful. Of conrse Japan works with the countries of the group of seven industrialised countries and looks for means of assisting countries affected by the Gulf crisis," the Prince said in an interview with Japanese televi-sion. "Japan has been a forthcoming donor and offered Jurdan

in hand with major industrialised

noted. But what is most important is Japan's assistance to the evacuees prngramme through providing three aircraft and giving financial assistance to the U.N. organisafinns and the International Com-

a \$100 million in soft loan," be

mittee of the Red Cross, he said. "So it is a resumption of economic assistance at a time when Jordan has asked Japan and the European Community for support in facing this very difficult economic situation." he said.

Jordan is opposed to annexation and the acquisition of territory hy war and considers hostage taking as unacceptable, he said. Jurdan, along with Japan,

looks very seriously at the importance of avoiding war and "we have to work tirelessly to avoid a devastating war in the region," the Crown Prince said.

Westerners can leave if Bush says no attack on Iraq — Aziz (see page 2), but denied there was prisals, a senior official said Mon-

pened there," Aziz said.

"But all foreigners, they can

leave the city of Kuwait to Bagh-

dad, and then those whn are not

prevented from travelling, they

can take the plane from Baghdad

to Amman or they can take the

car to Jordan, or to Turkey.

There is no problem in that," he

Hussein was not in hiding but

hinted that the Iraqi leader is no

guard against an assassination

Aziz said President Saddam

any effort to block those who are day.

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IRAQI FOREIGN Minister Tareo Aziz said Mooday that Westerners being held in Iraq and Kuwait would be free to leave if President George Bush pledged not to attack his country.

But Aziz, in an interview with Cable News Network (CNN), said that such a pledge from the While House would not primpt Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. "If Mr. Bush makes an explicit

pledge that he is not going to commit - tn wage war against Iraq, there will be no problem; everybody here, who is staying here, can then leave freely," Aziz

The foreign minister would not commit his country to withdrawing from Kuwait in exchange for an American pledge not to attack Iraq. He questioned the continned presence of American forces in the reginn, saying Iraq bas no intentinn of invading Saudi Arabia. We would like to provide

peace in the whole region. If (the Americans) don't have an intennon to attack Iraq, let them say Aziz said.

Aziz said he did not know the details of the shutdown of the international airport in Knwait

attempt.

he added.

"Saddam Hussein is not hiding, hut if you want the man to appear in order to commit the crime of assassination, that's different, you see," Aziz said.

Every leader has the right to protect himself against crimes," In other Gulf developments:

- The toppled Kuwaiti government has told resistance fight-

ers to scale down their guerrilla

chemical weapons.

perts remain in Iraq, down from

mation which in effect does no-thing," said a prominent political activist in Bequa, the largest Palesti-pian refugee camp just outside of the military training camps to train and evening as they were also joined by men wishing in show their solidarity arm the population. 'Sanction cargo' ship intercepted in Gulf

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — The royal navy fired Britain's first shots in the Gulf crisis Monday and searched two Iraqi vessels amid a sharp rise in reported board-and-search operations in

the region. The Ministry of Defence in London said one of the ships, the tanker Tadmur, carried stores violating U.N. sanctions and was diverted to a Gulf report. The Tadmur was stopped in the Red Sea Sept. 27 but allowed to pro-

ceed. Asked if the Tadmur had broken U.N. sanctions, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said: That is my understanding of it.

Yes." Earlier American, British and Australian warships all fired warning shots across the bow of the Iraqi freighter Al Wasitti,

forcing it to stop for a cargo Nothing was found to breach the sanctions, imposed on Iraq after its Aug. 2 takeover of Kuwait and it was allowed to proceed through

the Gulf of Oman. In reaction Iraq called Gulfbased Western navies the "new pirates of the sea." It was the first time British or

Australian warships had been forced to fire warning shots to intercept Gulf shipping since the sanctions were imposed on Aug.

With the Tadmur. British marines abselled from Lynx heli-copters while U.S. and Australian search parties boarded from boats. No shots were fired and the Tadmur's captain agreed to

The HMS Battleaxe, the Au-

stralian frigate AHMS Adelaide and the U.S. frigate USS Reasoner each fired a warning shot across the Al Wasitti's bow after it refused to stop for inspection, the British Defence Ministry said.

The Battleaxe's sister frigate, the HMS London, also participated in the interception. A six-man team of Royal Marines from the Battleaxe and London, armed with submachine guns and stun grenades, then

sbeciled onto the 5,885-ton Al Wasitti from Lynx helicopters, the **sinistry** said. A U.S. coast guard team from the Reasoner followed them. A three-hour search determined that the Al Wasitti, a medium-sized cargo vessel, was

empty. The ministry said there

was no resistance from the crew.

The vessel was intercented ab-

out 95 kilometres northeast of Muscat. It was allowed to proceed on its way to the Strait of Hormuz and presumably north through the Gulf to Iraq, according to a later announcement from London. British military sources in

Oman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the vessel was sailing from Al Hodeidah in Yemen on its way to Irag's southern port of Umm Al Qast. The Iraqi freighter had been

shadowed by the Battleaxe, the Reasoner and the Adelaide during the night, then called to stop Tehran office. In Britain, Defence Secretary

.Tom King told BBC radio that "the ships will be stopped. And as you can see, it is done in as

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war against Iraq because of re-Iran rules out alliance with U.S. against Iraq

PARIS (Agencies) - The idea of Iranian troops siding with the Americans against Iraq was nnimaginable, Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was quoted nn Monday as saying.

"It will require time before the Iranian people furget American hostility towards them," Rafsanjani told a correspondent of the French daily Le Figaro

Rafsanjani was also quoted as saying Iran would use any means at its disposal to prevent the handover of "Kuwaiti territory" to Iraq as part of a peace deal. He said Tehran had warned

Kuwait's ousted leaders it

would not accept the slightest "territorial concession," including the island of Bubivan. The desert island has been cited as a possible bargaining chip in the Gulf crisis. Ceding it to Baghdad would give Iraq

better access to the sea, one of Iraq's demands. "We have warned the Kuwaitis," Rafsanjani told Le Monde in an interview in his

"If, to reach a settlement. you accept ceding the island of Bubiyan to the Iragis, we will be absolutely opposed, even to a minimal change of the existing frontiers."

"If Kuwait were to go ahead and cede Bubiyan to (Iraq) all the same, we would act within our means to stop it," Rafsanjani added.

Iran, he said, was firmly applying the United Nations embargo against trade with Iraq.
"If all countries were ap-

plying the embargo without fail

like we were, Iraq would have

to give up and withdraw from Kuwait," Rafsanjani declared. He said foreign military forces now in the Gulf, including Americans, British and French, would have to leave as soon as the reason for their mission - Iraq's occupation of

Kuwait — was at an end. If not, Iranians "already shocked by their presence would naturally demand measures on our part to oblige them to withdaw," the Iranian president told the newspaper.

On relations with the United States, Rafsanjani said "there is no relationship, and no plans for one, with this country, which is still seen in a very bad light by the Iranian people."

"Our assets are still frozen by the Americans, not to speak of goods paid for by us, notably military, which were never delivered and for which they have the check to charge warehousing costs."

free to leave Kuwait from depart-"We are not blocking anybody said although armed attacks on man Abdul Razek Al Mutawa from getting out. There is the the Iraqi army were being toned

Kuwaiti Planning Minister Salroadway; they can use that. down the citizens of Kuwait re-Maybe there are some technical mained committed to a policy of reasons; I don't know what hap- passive resistance,

- Twn German businessmen have admitted their companies supplied Iraq with equipment and products suitable for making chemical weapons, the Darmstadt public prosecutor's office said.

Prosecutor Thomas Brand told Reuters that Peter Leifer, owner of the Hamburg firm Water Engineering Technology (W.E.T) told investigators that his company delivered chemical equipment to Baghdad for military purposes.

Brand also said that Ewald Langer, formerly an engineer with the Pilot Plant company near Frankfurt, had confessed that equipment his company delivered to Iraq was suitable for producing

The two men, along with five other managers of the two firms. were arrested in August. - Only 93 Soviet military ex-

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'Egyptians will not join attack on Iraq'

ABU DHABI (R) - Egyptian forces have been sent to the Gulf to defend regional states and will not join any attack on Iraq, their commander said in remarks published Monday.

"Our main task is to reinforce Saudi defence capabilities and protect its borders against any aggression. Major-General Mnhammad Ali Bilal told the Sharjahbased Al Khaleej newspaper at Hafr Al Batin in Saudi Arahia.

"The Egyptian forces in Saudi Arabia will not particiapte in any offensive," he The paper Sunday carried similar remarks by the Syrian

commander in Saudi Arabia who said his forces would not join any offensive in the region. Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa repeated demands

withdrawal after talks in Damascus Sunday. Assad discussed the latest developments in the Gulf crisis

for an unconditional Iraqi

Syrian President Hafez Al. with Abdul Meguid Monday, officials said.

PLO wants U.N.-approved relief Iranians vote ship for Palestinians in Kuwait for clerical body

By Alistair Lyon

AMMAN - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has asked the United Nations to allow a ship to take relief supplies to up to 300,000 Palestinians in Kuwait, a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official said Monday.

"We approached the U.N. 15" days ago to let a provision ship go to Kuwait, like the one which supplied Indian and Vietnamese nationals." Mohammad Milhem, a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO, told Reuters.

He said the PLO was awaiting a reply from the world body, which exempted humanitarian food and medical supplies from sanctions imposed after the Aug. 2 Iragi invasion of Kuwait.

We understand there are some serious cases of every needy Palestinian families in Kuwait. Don't they have the right to feed their children too?" Milhem said. "There should be no discrimina-

quoted Monday as saying the

future of Western hostages

should no longer be linked to that

daily, said the statement may

signal the beginning of the end of

The hostage issue "can be set-

tled in such a way that no party

the report quoted Sheikh

Mohammad Hussein Fadiallah as

saying in an interview in West

Berlin with Robert Fisk, the

The sheikh was described as

the most important spiritual

adviser to the pro-Iranian Hizbol-

lah (Party of God) militia, be-

heved to be the umbrella group

for extremists holding the hos-

tages.
Kidnappers in Lebanon have

newspaper's correspondent.

feels he has been blackmailed."

The Independent, a London

of Arab prisoners.

the hostage crisis.

Fadlallah says hostages

LONDON (AP) — A Muslim ers in Israeli jails and Muslims religious leader in Lebanon was held in Kuwait by the Sabah

Kuwait.

said the hostages won't all be Middle East correspondent of the

freed until the release of Associated Press, who was seized

Lebanese and Palestinian prison- on March 16, 1985.

tion between nationalities."
With U.N. blessing, India sent three mercy ships to Kuwait last month with relief supplies distributed by Red Cross and Indian embassy officials to Indians and other trapped foreigners in the emirate. The ships ferried hun-

Tens of thousands of Palestinians fled Kuwait after the invasion, but many have returned for lack of anywhere else to go. PLO Central Council member

dreds of Indians home.

As'ad Abdul Rahman said Arafat, who left Amman Sunday, had ordered that the proceeds from a "liberation tax" paid by Palestinians working in the Gulf should be diverted to help the Palestinian community in Kuwait.

Palestinians in most Gulf countries, including Sandi Arabia, pay five per cent of their salaries, deducted at source, to the PLOsupervised Palestine National

held in Kuwait by the Sabah

government, which was ousted by

Western governments have re-buffed the demand as blackmail.

15 Muslims imprisoned in Kuwait

for bombing the French and U.S.

embassies there in 1983 had

escaped after the Aug. 2 Iraqi

invasion and are no longer in

could do something about this

humanitarian issue to dissociate

these two problems from each

Sunday said a Western hostage

might be freed this week, possibly Terry Waite, the archbishop of

Canterbury's envoy held since Jan. 20, 1987.

American Terry Anderson, chief

The longest-held captive is

Reports in the Beirut press

other," the sheikh said.

We call on every side that

Fadlallah said he believed the

the Ang. 2 Iraqi invasion.

Abdul Rahman told Renters Arafat had told him the PLO

wanted the United Nations to share the cost of a relief ship to

He said the PLO office in Baghdad had already begun limited relief efforts, buying food in Iraq for a Palestinian welfare committee in Kuwait established with Iraqi permission.

The PLO has not previously

announced measures to alleviate the plight of an estimated 300,000 Palestinians in Kuwait. They were generally well-off,

but many lost their life savings when the invasion all but paralysed the Kuwaiti banking system and threw the oil-based economy into chaos.

The value of their salaries plunged when Iraq decreed that the once-mighty Kuwaiti dinar equalled its own non-convertible currency and then abolished the Kuwaiti unit altogether.

The "liberation tax" is one of the pillars of PLO finances. Others are subventions from wealthy Arab states and irregular donations by wealthy individual

Various banks, companies and other agencies have in the past contributed money to specific hospitals, universities or other institutions in the Israelioccupied territories and else-

The Gulf crisis has poisoned the atmosphere between the PLO, perceived as sympathetic to Iraq, and Gulf states, especially Saudi Arabia, which was among the PLO's most reliable donors in

Palestinian sources said the Gulf states had always used their control of the purse strings to exert political pressure on the PLO, which has long struggled to keep its independence.

They turned the tap on and off, even when it came to the liberation tax, which does not belong to host governments, and this was resented by Palestinians and the PLO," one source said.

More than 5,000 Kuwaitis no more linked to prisoners in Iran, Tehran says

NICOSIA (R) - More than 5,000 Kuwaitis have fled their homeland to Iran over the past few days, the Iranian news agen-

cy IRNA said Monday. It reported that all the refugees, who crossed into south Iran from Iraq, had refused Baghdad's demand to change

their identity cards to Iraqi ones. IRNA said 1,358 refugees in 429 cars and six minibuses had crossed at the Shalamcheh border point since Sunday, bringing the total number of Kuwaitis to reach Iran in the past few days to 5,297.

The IRNA report, monitored in Nicosia, follows a United Nations pledge to help Iran after Tehran said last month half a million refugees may flee through

The pledge was made in a statement issued Sunday at the end of a four-day visit to Iran by the U.N. humanitarian envoy for the Gulf crisis, Prince Sadruddin

The United Nations and other international organisations agreed to "increase their activities and contributions to the Islamic Republic to help it meet the urgent needs related to this human endeavour," IRNA qnoted the statement as saying.
It suggested that the U.N. Dis-

aster Relief Organisation (UN-DRO) appoint a representative to Iran and that assistance include transit camps, sanitation and help equipment as well as transport facilities in order to ensure a speedy resettlement of those affected by the crisis."

Prince Sadruddin visited northwestern border crossing with Turkey and held talks with Iranian Foreign Ministry officials. Iran has reported few refugee

arrivals since saying 90,000 entered Iran in the first month after the Iraqi invasion. Most were Iranian residents of

Kuwait who came through Sha-lamcheh, a couple of hours' drive from Kuwait.

Abu Nidal denies Egyptian

denied Monday that one of its members was arrested in Egypt while planning to carry out sabot-

any of our members have been arrested in Egypt," said Fateh. Revolutionary Council in a statement published by the Lebanese newspaper Al Safir. It accused Egyptian anthorities

of releasing "misleading informa-

was "closely watching the hostile propaganda campaigns by some Egyptian media organisations against Palestinians in general, which include arrest and deporta-

Ahram said Monday that Egyptian police authorities have charged Muslim fundamentalists of collaborating with Abu Nidal's men sent to Egypt by Iraq on sabotage missions.

after bitter feud

TEHRAN (R) — Iranians went to polls Monday to elect a senior clerical assembly after a bitter campaign in which hardliners accased moderate opponents of engineering their removal from

Voting began at 7 a.m. (0330 GMT) to elect 76 clergymen from among 100 candidates for the Experts' Assembly, which has the authority-to choose and dismiss the country's supreme leader.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said voting proceeded without incident across the country, with belicopters taking ballot boxes to some areas inaccesible by road. It was the first polling in more

than a decade in some west Iraman towns captured by Iraq dur-ing the 1980-88 Gulf war but evacuated afte Baghdad and Tehran made peace in August. Moderates backing President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's

policy of promoting the private sector and normalising ties with the West were certain of an almost clean sweep as most hardline candidates were either dropped from the race or withdraw.

"This is a very important vote because it has to do with the leadership," said Ahmad Ali Jafari, a 59-year-old businessman, before casting his ballot at a mosque courtyard.

A young poling official at the mosque, where about 20 men and women were waiting their turn in a single queue, said he expected peace with Iraq and the return of more than 37,000 Gulf war prisoners to boost the turnout.

"People took this as a victory. and it will definitely have a posi-tive effect on the election." he said, adding that Iran's victory in the Asian soccer championship in Beijing Saturday also made the people happy and was likely to boost the turnout.

Few of the voters who turned ont in Tehran's warm, pleasant weather appeared to be concerned about the feud over the poll, including charges by hardliners that their candidates were unfairly excluded.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was chosen as supreme leader by the Experts' Assembly the day after Ayatollah Rnhollah Khomeini's death in June last year, said enemies of Islam had blown up "fraternal disputes."

"The debate among brothers in the Islamic Republic is aimed at finding the right path," he said in a speech to Rafsanjani and other

"In case of the slightest encroachment on the system, all would rise up hand in hand to beat back the threat and defend the Islamic system," he said, adding that the debates were natural and a sign of growth of the revolution.

Both Khamenei and Rafsanjani had earlier rejected hardline criticisms of the election, saying the preparation were entirely The main hardline political

group, the Militant Clergymen, did not endorse any candidates but stopped short of calling for a boycott of the polls.

One of its top leaders, Par-liamentary Speaker Mehdi Kar-rubi, voted Monday at a Tehran hospital he has been recovering for three weeks from a broken ankle and slipped discs.

Tehran Radio quoted him as urging people "to take part in the polls in closed ranks to elect their

Karrubi was one of several dozen hardliners who were disqualified after they failed or refused to sit an examination to test their religious knowledge set by the Guardian Council, which oversees the elections.

The election controversy came to a head Sunday when a rare boycott, apparently by moderates, forced the cancellation of a parliament session scheduled to debate a bill proposed by hardliners to amend elections laws.

A group of deputies later wrote to Khamenei asking him to denounce a "certain faction" for the boycott, which they said could "deal heavy blows on the sys-

The president of the parliament, which is dominated by hardliners, said it would announce the names of perpetrators of the boycott later. On Saturday, a group of clergy-

men marched in the holy city of Qom, seat of Iran's Shi'ite Muslim clerical hierarchy, to defend the Guardian Council, the focus of the hardliners attacks. The rejections and withdrawals

left 100 approved candidates run-ning for the 76 seats in the assembly, which sits for an eight-year term. There was no voting in three provincess with seven seats where insufficient candidates were approved.

Voting was open for 10 hours and could be extended by the interior ministry.

Kuwait airport shutto civilian traffic

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq has Wednesday's airlift. closed Kuwait airport to civilian flights in a move that could dis-Westerners trapped since the Ira-

A senior Iraqi Airways official told Reuters on Monday that civilian traffic had been halted "for technical reasons." He could not say when flights were stopped or when they might resume.

The U.S. government has char-tered an Iraqi Airways Boeing-747 to fly Americans and possibly Britons from Kuwatit City to London via Baghdad on Wednesday in the first such airlift for nearly three weeks.

A U.S. diplomat said the U.S. embassy in Baghdad had been told the airlift would have to be moved to an airport in the southern Iraqi port city of Basra.

The embassy had asked the Iraqi foreign ministry to allow the airlift to go ahead from Kuwait airport despite the closure, the

diplomat said.
"We were told Kuwait airport was closed to civilian flights, but given no reason. We don't know if it's for security reasons or administrative," the diplomat

About 350 U.S. citizens or immediate family members, most of them women and children, but some male citizens of Arab origin, are expected to want to join

Britian has urged women and children among its community in

rupt a planned U.S. airlift of Knwait to take the flight if thereare places on the 430-seat plane. Diversion to Basra would involve a road journey from Kuwait City that normally takes two

hours but could take much longer

if the convoy of buses is stopped at Iraqi checkpoints. Iraq has not allowed Western men to leave Iraq and Kuwait and has moved more than 300 Americans, Britons, Frenchmen, Ger. mans and Japanese to strategic

sites as "human shields" against any attack by U.S.-led forces massed in the Gulf. The Iraqi Airways official said the airline had five or six flights a day to Kuwait until its operations were suspended. Other airlines have not flown to the emirate

since Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion.
Wednesday's planned airlift would be the first by the United States since September 21. Hundreds of Western women and children were airlifted out on previous flights, which U.S. diplomats said all landed at Kuwain airport.

Apart from the 350 passengers from Kuvait, U.S. officials have asked the Iraqi government to allow 69 Americans to join the flight in Baghdad on humanitarian grounds, the diplomatic sources said.

Qadhafi calls for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait

NICOSIA (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has called for. an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait but says Arabs would then be free to oppose foreign forces in the region if they did not in turn

In a televised speech to Libya's parliament, the General People's Congress Sunday, Qadhafi said that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein should withdraw his troops under the terms of a "Libyan

Qadhafi, whose speech was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), spoke of compensation for Iraqi grievances.

"Iraq would take the things" that are under dispute to compen- gion once Iraq quit Kuwait. sate it for the losses it suffered as a result, of the increase in the

Kuwaiti oil production," he said.

'A number of Arab oil countries

Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2 accusing it of pumping oil from Iraqi oilfields and of waging eco-

have undertaken to meet this

nomie war against it by producing above its OPEC quota. "If after Iraq leaves Kuwait, the foreign forces continued to stay, then we have no alternative but to resist them. For then we would have the right to do so. This would mean an act of imperialism."

Qadhafi said Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad had told him they would not pennit foreign forces to stay in the re-

"The Saudis have told me: "If Iraq leaves we will ask the Americans to leave. We then must ask them to go," he added.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF.

British minister holds talks in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (R) - British Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton Monday held Gulf crisis talks with the emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Khalifa. The Gulf News Agency said the meeting was attended by foreign, interior and defence ministers. It gave no further details. Hamilton arrived in Bahrain from Saudi Arabia Sunday as part of a tour of British forces deployed in the Gulf region. Britain has a squadron of Tornado ground-attack fighters in Bahrain, a squadron of Jaguar JR1 planes are being moved to the island from Oman.

Shi'ites battle in South Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — Rival Shi'ite militias fought with rockets and artillery in South Lebanon Monday, despite increasing political efforts to resolve their three-year-old power struggle. Security sources said at least five people were wounded when the pro-Iranian Hizbollah and the Syrian-backed Amal blasted each other's position in the strategic mountain ridge of Iqlim Al Toufah, 40 kilometres south of Beirut. Shells and rockets rained on more than 10 villages in the area starting fires and causing material damage, they added. Each side blamed the other for starting the violence. More than 1.230 people have been killed in three years of intermittent Amal-Hizbollah fighting in Beirut, its southern suburbs, eastern and southern Lebanon. Dozens of initiatives by Syria and Iran have failed to end the battles.

EC undecided over how to respond if U.S. intervenes in Gulf By Richard Wallis

Reuter

ROME - A meeting of European Community foreign ministers in Italy has highlighted the EC's dilemma over how to respond if fighting breaks ont in the Gulf, diplomats said Monday.

A debate on the Gulf crisis at a weekend meeting of the 12-member group's ministers at Asolo near Venice touched on the one area where the West's largest trading bloc has so far never had a say defence and security.

Diplomats said that with EC governments worried that Saudi Arabia and the Gulf emirates were increasingly pushing the United States to use the huge task force it has deployed, the ministers concentrated on two main points:

--- How should the community respond if U.S. troops do eventually go into action against Iraqi forces?

- What should be done if Iraq takes the West by surprise and decides to pull out of

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tions to force Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. But at their

quick result. They agreed that it was vital that Washington's European allies should not leave the U.S. out on a limb if American forces went into battle, but were undecided over whether

they yet had the authority to act, the sources said. The question was whether explicit U.N. backing was needed for any military action

Britain's Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd told reporters London felt the U.N. Charter and the Kuwaiti government's appeal for belp were legally sufficient. France's Roland Dumas, however, said this was not enough for Paris.

The ministers all agreed they would much prefer U.N. endorsement before sending their troops into action, the sources

The short-term time frame So far, the EC has pinned all stretches from after the U.S. congressional elections on meeting, the ministers faced November 6 to Christmas. the issue of what to do if "No one wants to have sanctions failed to produce a

troops fighting in the Gulf when Christmas comes," said one of the EC officials at the The sources said EC ministers felt that even if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein pulled

his troops out of Knwait they would have to build a safety net around Iraq and guarantee the security of his neighbours. Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez told reporters the 12 had agreed "there can be no bar-gaining with Saddam Hussein

- on the basis of the principle that you never negotiate with terrorists." German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said it was wrong to speak of a "political solution" to the Gulf crisis since that implied negotiations

and concessions, according to a

spokesman.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - The Palestinian faction of Abn Nidal age acts.

"We categorically deny that

Fatah-RC, the statement said,

tion." It did not elaborate. The state-owned newspaper Al

Sheikh Maktoum succeeds Rashid East's major centres of com-

Reuter

DUBAI -- Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum became ruler of the strategic Gulf emirate of Dubai on Monday after he and his brothers buried their father. the man who turned the desert backwater into a thriving business

Sheikh Maktoum inherits the title during one of the region's worst political crises and UAE officials said they expected him to underline continued stability and unity within the federation in the face of present challenges in the

Dubai Radio said the crown prince had succeeded Sheikh Rashid Bin Said Al Maktoum, who died aged 76 on Sunday after a long illness, marking the end of an era during which he turned Dubai into one of the Middle

Sheikh Maktoum, in his mid-50s, is already deputy prime minister of the United Arab Emirates and now joins the supreme council of rulers of the seven emirates which make up the It was not yet clear whether

Sheikh Maktoum would also take his father's other posts of prime minister and vice-president of the UAE. Dubai is the second biggest and richest emirate after neighbouring Abu Dhabi. Since Sheikh Rashid and Abu

Dhabi ruler Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahayan worked to create the UAE in 1971, Sheikh Zaid has been president and it has often been assumed that the next Dubai ruler would continue the status quo by inheriting the premiership and vice-presidency.

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Energy conservation measures, long weekend adversely affect industrial sector — Abu Hassan

By Ziyad Al Shilleh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan, which aims at increasing production and tional trading centre in the regon, can by un means benefit. from a series of government energy conservation measures should they be applied to the national industry, according to Mamdouh Abu Hassan, president of the Iordanian Business Association (IBA).

"It is hoped that the two-day weekend would not be applicable to the industrial and private sectons as well as banks and economic institutions in the country since such application would have

· By Elia Nasrallab

Indan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Royal Society

(RSCN) is embarking on a two-

month campaign designed to help

the country gather the largest

possible ulive harvest for this

RSCN Director Maher Abu

Jaafar said that thousands of stu-

dents from government schools

would be involved in gathering

the olive crop as of the middle of

October, a process which in some

cases could last until the end of

December, depending on the areas of land grown with ulives.

The RSCN has already initi-

ated its annual campaign through

the media, especially Jordan Television and Radin Jordan, to

provide advice to farmers on the

best means of gathering the

crops, the most opportune time

for harvesting the ulives and

obtaining the largest amount of

olive oil, according to Abu

He told the Jordan Times that

the campaign was also designed

dencourage farmers and ordin-

my citizens to grow more and more ulive trees whose fruit is of

high nutritional value and is in

"At least 50,000 students of all

Arab markets.

the Conservation of Nature

Abu Hassan said in a statement to Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times.

"Should the measures include the private sector and the banks, Jordan would be cut off from the rest of the business circles around, the world for four days: "Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, because the last two days are the West's weekend," Abu Has-

Abu Hassan questioned the wisdom behind ordering the stores and the business companies to close by 7 p.m. when government offices will be working an extra one and a half hours

every week. He said that many employees

olive-picking campaign

mostly in the northern parts of

the country, and the participation

of students is arranged by a spe-

cial RSCN committee which

coordinates matters with the

ministries of agriculture and

education in this respect," Abu

He said that similar campaigns carried out since 1984 had yielded

fruitful results and ensured suffi-

cient hands to gather the crops.

cess of gathering ulives, said Abu

Jaafar, normally receive a reward

represented in 10 per cent of the

total amount of harvested olives

or their equivalent of oil. The

Armed Forces contribute to the

process by lending the two minis-

tries lorries to transport the stu-

dents to and from the farmlands.

cipation, these students consti-

tute a great help to the farmers

and thive growers who are en-

couraged to grow more and more

olive trees, thus contributing to

the greening of Jordan, another

RSCN's target for this decade,"

According to the Munistry of

Agriculture, olive trees are now

grown on 575,000 dunums of land

grown on 406,000 dunums yield

fruit as the rest are still young.

Abn Jaafar added.

"Indeed through their parti-

Students taking part in the pro-

Jaafar explained.

process of harvesting the olives, Nurseries Department at the

RSCN embarks on

adverse effects on production," in the private and public sectors would find it difficult to buy their needs from the market in the

> To help reduce fuel consumption, Abu Hassan suggested that measures be introduced by the government to encourage the use of public transport vehicles rather than depend on private cars.

> The Cabinet had decided that overnment departments should have a two-day weekend to cut down on energy and fuel used in buildings and transport. It also decided that commercial businesses close at 7 p.m., and street lighting be switched off at 5 a.m. The measures will go into effect as of Saturday Oct. 13.

Ministry of Agriculture Mahmoud Abdul Nabi told the

Jordan Times that in bumper

years Jordan produces up to 75,000 tonnes of olives annually,

but this can drop to 20,000 tonnes

in other not so successful years;

the average amount of tilives

gathered is estimated at 45,000

tonnes annually.

Abdul Nabi said that Jordan on

average pruduces annually around 12,000 tonnes of olive oil.

a valuable food commodity for all

Jordanians and most Arabs, but

as this is not sufficient for the

local markets, till is imported

from the West Bank. Spain and

He said that the ministry's

nurseries produce up to 500,000

olive tree saplings annually and

another 500,000 are produced by

the private sector nurseries. The

sackings are mostly distributed

tree planting season in winter.

Irbid, Ajloun and Jerash, all dis-

tricts in the north of the country;

and Amman region.

According to Abdul Nabi,

ost olive trees are grown in



PRINCESS MARKS ARAB CHILD WEEK: Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein Sunday visited the Islamic Charitable Cultural Society in Zarqu and took part in a special celebration marking the Arab Child Week. The Princess opened a charity bezzer and was briefed on the activities of charitable societies in Zarqa. In yesterday's issue, the Jordan Times inadvertently mentioned that Her Royal Righness Princess Basma made the visit. The Jordan Times apologises for the error.

Jordan, France seek ways to cooperate in agriculture

of Agriculture and the French Embassy here Monday beld contacts to pave the way for future cooperation in agricultural fields in general and the growing of

mers in Jurdan. The statement said that Arabiyat had discussed the possibility tif dispatching Jurdanian technicians and agricultural engineers on training courses to France to

skills and planting stone fruit

discussion.

World Islamic Council to aid Jordan with the evacuees

free of charge ur at cost price to farmers, organisations and AMMAN (J.T.) — The World Islamie Council (WIC) is joining schools to be planted not only on Arbor Day but also through the efforts with Jordanian voluntary and relief organisations to extend assistance to the evacuees coming to Jurdan from Iraq and Knwait, and the move has been warmly welcomed by His Royal Highness less trees can be found in the Crown Prince Hassan.

The offer to belp came from still fewer trees are found to the WIC's Vice President Abdul Rahman Swareddahab at a meeting beld Monday with Crown Prince Hassan at the Ruyal Court to discuss the plight of the evacuees stranded in Jordan and the council's contributions to allevi-

ate their suffering.
Swareddahab said that WIC was ready to contribute to ongoing efforts to belp the evacuces during their stay in the Kingdom.

Prince Hassan welcomed the move and issued directives to local Jordanian relief tırganisations and the government Com-mittee un Evacuees Affairs to coordinate work with WIC in their future operations.

The WIC, which strives to propagate Islam and offer rebef services in the Arab World, is composed of Islamic organisations and ministries of Awgaf in the Islamic World. The WIC's operations also benefit displaced persons and refugees in the Islamic World. Swareddahab is a former head of state of Sudan.

Department (PSD) announced Monday that a total of 10,358 evacuees arrived in Jordan from Iraq and Kuwait on Sunday. These included 4,343 Arab and Muslim nationals.

PSD said however that 15,390

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry

fruit trees in particular. A statement following a meeting between Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arabiyat and the embassy's attache for technical cooperation and culture Philippe Cardinal said that the two sides had explured means of providing Jordan with French expertise in developing seeds for vegetables, planting fruit trees on a large scale, using modern techniques, and the prospect of launching a joint project as a model for far-

learn more about tree-pruning

Cardinal, the statement said, extended an invitation to Ministry of Agriculture Secretary General Sami Sunnaa to visit France and familiarise himself with the scientific institutions and agricultural stations, and study techniques and skills.

According to the statement, a joint Jordanian-French committee un technical cooperation and culture, which last met in Paris in March 1988, will soon convene to stndy means of promoting Franco-Jordanian cooperation and the question of farming will be one of the main topics for The French government had

earlier supplied the Ministry of Agriculture's laboratories with special equipment to belp promote food production in Jurdan, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

man Deputy Mohammad Abu Alim who said that he and his colleagues would dedicate their time and effort to serve the higher national interests. Addressing a press conference in the Parliament building Abu

Alim said that the Liberals' Bloc will strive to enhance the democratisacion process in Jordan. political pluralism and the sense of national belonging. "Our group will seek to bolster democratic life in Jordan within the Arab Islamic framework, and will strive to enhance national unity and at the same time cooperate with the other parliamentary blocs in Parliament to offer the best service to the nation," Abu Alim said. "The Liberals' Bloc considers the Palestine question as the central cause for all Arab ramme (UNDP) Ali Atiqa and representatives of U.N. relief organisations.

ited Nations Development Prog-

Prince Hassan, U.N. agencies' heads

discuss emergency plan for evacuees

Prince Hassan lauded efforts exerted by the U.N. and other international tirganisations and committees, and of the internaevacuee camps and other related tional and Jordanian charitable societies, and praised the active role of volunteers from Jordan and other countries in alleviating the suffering of the evacuees.

The Prince called for more coordination among these institutions and organisations and asked them to show the whole world the burdens Jordan shoulder

Prince Hassan alsu cummended people working at Jordaman border posts, security departments, evacuee camps, the airports and Agaba Port for their continued efforts in assisting the evacuces.

Prince Hassan called for extending assistance to Jurdan to overcome the crisis and praised the U.N. efforts and the Jordanian generosity towards the eva-

Saafi, tbanked His Majesty King Hussein, Prince Hassan and the Jurdanian government for the cononued support they extended to the U.N. organisations and

7 deputies split with the National

Bloc to form the Liberals Bloc

New parliamentary group forms

By Tareq Momani Special to the Jordan Times

Highness Crown Prince Hassan

Monday chaired a meeting beld

at the Royal Court to discuss a

comprehensive emergency plan

to solve the evacuees' crisis, re-

patriate them as soon as possible,

improve the conditions in the

The meeting was attended by

Ministry of Interitor Secretary

General Salameb Hammad, who

is chairman tif the Evacuees Wel-

fare Committee, Director Gener-

al of the United Nations Disaster

and Relief Organisation (UN-

DRO) Mohammad Al Saafi, the

resident representative of the Un-

issues.

AMMAN - A new parliamentary group came into being Monday with the creation of the Liberals' Bloc which groups seven deputies who splintered uff from the National Bloc.

The birth of the new bloc was declared by the group's spokes-

and Muslims and the group strongly believes in and will work for the attainment of pan-Arab unity," Abu Alim added.

He said that the bloc believed in dealing with the other nations on the basis of mutual respect and trust and would pursue all efforts to belp establish justice and peace and fight tendency towards

The bloc believes in fair distribution of Arab wealth, especially oil wealth, to Arab citizens everywhere and will support any move designed to bolster this

concept," Abu Alim said.
In reply to a question about the separation of the seven-member bloc from the National Bloc, Abn Alim said that the National Bloc's life was always characterised by internal feuds and divisions until things came to a bead and a split was inevitable. "The seven deputies who separated from the tild bloc found that they could not Alim added.

He pointed out that the Liber-

Parliament's ordinary session opened Nov. 17, and added that intensive meetings would be beld in the coming week to choose a candidate for the bloc.

In reply to a question about the national-Islamic bloc which is being formed among Parliament groups, Abu Alim said that his bloc would cooperate with all other blocs, but be made it clear that there was no intention of joining this alliance for the time being.

The bloc groups besides Abu Alim, Jamal Khreisha, Ahmad Innab, Saad Haddadin, Jamal Haddad, Issa Reimpuni and Muhammad Muarar. Except for Muarar all the bloc's members had been affiliated to the National Bloc.

With the furmation of the Liberals' Bloc, Parliament members are now grouped into five different factions tir blocs; the Islamic muvement (Muslim continue to act in a climate of Brotherhood)—22, the Independivisions and disputes," Abu dent Islamic Bloc — 8, the Democratic Alliance — 12, the National Bloc - 16, the Liberals' als' Bloc plans to nominate its Bloc - 7 in addition to 15 indecandidate for the Lower House of pendent deputies who include 10 Parliament's speakership once government ministers.

More than 75,000 cars entered Jordan since Aug. 2

Traffic Department busy controlling flow of cars

by Serene Halasa Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait August 2. more than 75,000 cars with non-Jordanian licence plates entered the country through the Ruweished border post, sources at the Department of Customs told the Jordan Times Monday.

"In August 37,230 cars entered the Kingdom and in September around 37,859 cars came in. These figures include transit cars, private cars, bus-ica, trucks and lorries," Briga-der General Mohammad Al-Farch told the Jordan Times. He added that he did not know the exact number of cars that had left the country since the invasion of Kuwait, but assured that measures were taken to control the overflow of cars in the Kingdom. The Traffic Department is

doing its best to contain the

massive numbers of cars entering the Kingdom by doubling the manpower and increasing

police patrols," Al-Fareh said. He also explained that due to the large and unexpected numbers of evacuees entering the country, some in their private cars, Jordan was faced with the probelm of traffic congestion on the roads. "We. (the Traffic Department) have helped the government transport sector by organising police escorts to the convoys carrying the evacuees," Al-Farch said.

Asked about the accident rates in the Kingdom since the beginning of the Gulf crisis, Al-Farch said that the accident rate had gone np "tremedous-ly." "In September, for exam-ple, 48 people died in road accidents, 21 of whom died on the Ruweished road, and this number is high compared to previous months," Al-Fareh

crease in the number of accidents was attributed to the extended working hours of many drivers. Drivers transporting evacuees work for 10 or more hours which "leaves a negative effect and increases road accidents," be said.

As for the increase of traffic in the capital, Amman, Al-Fareh said it was inevitable. They have to pass through Amman, because many evacuee camps are located around the area; the airport is there and many cars, especially the transit ones going to Egypt, Sudan and Yemen through Agaba, have to pass through Amman," Al-Fareh said.

Asked about his expectations for the future, Al-Fareh said be could not give a precise number of cars expected to enter the country in the future, but that "it all depends on the outcome of the Gulf crisis."

evacuees had left Jordan Sunday by various means of transporta-

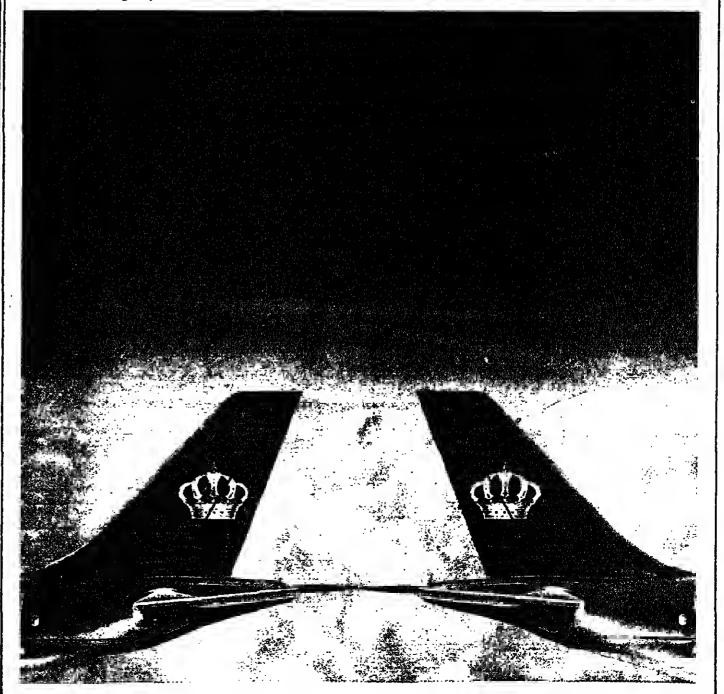
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WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

* Open studio and workshop for artist Samia Zaru displaying paintings, scriptures and hand-painted fabrics. Location: off 2sd Circle, opposite Rosenthal (9:30-1:30 and 3:30-6:30).

* Archaeological exhibition entitled "Al Lajjun — a Roman Frontier Fort" at the Department of Antiquities' Registration and Research Centre, Jabel Amman.

Plastic art exhibition by four Palestinian artists depicting the suffering of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation at the Jordan National Gallery for Fine Arts.

Exhibition entitled "Science in Profile" at the British Council.

Lecture entitled "Contemporary Residential Architecture in Jordan" by Dr. Talib Rifai at the Goethe Institute — 7:90 p.m.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

King condoles Asfour family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday delegated Secretary-General of the Royal Court Munir Al Durra to participate at the funeral of Jamal Asfour and convey His Majesty's condolences to the family of the deceased.

Pakistani chief of staff leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — Pakistani Chief of Staff Iftikhar Ahmad Sirohi left Amman Monday after a several-day official visit to the Kingdom during which he was received by His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb. Sirohi also visited several military and souristic sites in the Kingdom. Sirohi and the accompanying delegation were seen off at Queen Alia International Airport by Abu Taleb, the deputy chief of staff for administrative affairs, the inspector general, the Pakistani ambas-sador and the Pakistani military attache in Amman.

Bani Hamida rugs exhibition opens

AMMAN (J.T.) — Save the Children Fund is holding an exhibition of Bani Hamida rugs and Jordan River designs (quilts) at the Abu-Jaber Estate at Yadouden (adjacent to Kan Zaman) from Oct. 12 - 19 at 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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Massacre calls for response

THE LAST time Palestinians were murdered en masse in Israel, it was claimed that a deranged Israeli soldier perpetrated the massacre. This was back in May. Snbsequently, and systematically, the Israelis broke bones of Palestinians, they destroyed their property, demolished their houses, closed schools, detained bundreds of them including women and children and suppressed all kinds of nationalistic feelings by the unarmed population living under occupation.

Yesterday, the Israelis officially committed another massacre against Palestinians, murdering tens of people and wounding hundreds, right on the steps of Haram Al Sharif in Jerusalem. Israeli officials, from the extremist prime minister down, contended the killings were in response to provocation by the unarmed Palestinians. They blamed the bloodshed on what they described as a premeditated effort on the part of the Arabs to deflect attention from the Gulf crisis. How clever these Israeli butchers are. Indeed. Israelis kill Palestinians in cold blood, and they blame the Arabs for

their terrible actions.

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But beyond the grief for those among our people wbo were killed and wounded at the hands of the Israelis, we have to think of the way the international community will react to the tragedy. Will the world merely condemn it, denounce it and then forget all about it? Will the U.S. veto any Security Council resolution that calls for sending international forces to protect Palestinians from Israeli bullets and repression? With the international reaction over the Israeli invasion of Kuwait — the troop build np, the sanctions and all the measures to ensure the embargo is not busted — we are anxious to see bow all those countries who insist on the sanctity of international law will react to the Israeli explicit and unrestrained use of horrific violence in the holy city against Palestinian Arabs. This is the perfect timing, as sickening as if may sound, to test the credibility of the international legitimacy-loving nations, namely the U.S. It is sickening because it seems it has to take thirty of our own people to be massacred and bundreds wounded in one day to hope for a reaction close to that of the Gulf. This brings to mind the all-too-familiar contradictions and duplicity characterising the West's attitudes. British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, referring to Palestinian rights, said last week: "Today the international community is facing the challenge of whether there is one mankind or different kinds of men and women." Yesterday, however, Hurd was saying that Iraq needed to withdraw from Kuwait before his country would move to do anything for the Palestinians. We thought he was opposed to linking the Gulf crisis to the Palestinian problem. Now, it seems, he is all out for it, albeit with his priorities turned upside down. The same applies for other Westerners who are now insisting on dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis. Just why are they not demanding the same thing from themselves vis-a-vis the Iraqis? Or are we faced with the same double standards again?

This is a time for the Arabs not to get carried away by the impact of yesterday's blow, painful as it indeed is. It is a time to test the sincerity and honesty of the international community, especially the U.S.-led West, and to try the validity and applicability of the new world order that we have lately been hearing about so much. The least the U.N. can do for the suffering Palestinians now is to provide them the means with which her can protect themselves. The dispatch of neutral troops to the occupied territories for this purpose are the most urgent and needed measure by the

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

THE eyes of the world are turned Monday evening to the U.N Security Council which is scheduled to resume dehate on the Palestine question in the light of Israel's atrocines especially those committed against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, said Al Ra'i daily Monday. The paper said that the council bas another chance to do justice to the Palestinians and to take proper measures to safeguard their national interests. The debate is bound to place the United States and Britain face to face with a genuine test of the concept of the international legality and legitimacy which has been resorted to in dealing with the Gulf crisis, the paper continued. Should the Washington use the veto to kill a resolution condemning Israel's atrocities and should London follow suit, we will be justified to declare that both capitals had been exploiting the United Nations to achieve their own abjectives, the paper added. It said that the international legality which allowed Washington to send troops and occupy Arah land in the Arabian peninsula is now being tested, and the world is watching to see whether the same measure and the same standards will be applied in the case of Palestine whose people are being starved, persecuted and oppressed.

At Dustour daily described the government's austerity measures which go into effect as of Saturday as a firm response to the challenge of the consequences of the Gulf crisis. The paper said that Jordan has refused to be covered by the suspect umbrella and the unholy alliance led by the Untied States in the Gulf, and has thus chosen the hard path and is paying the price for such attitude. But, it said, that this stand reflects the true Arab position, defending Arab pride and dignity regardless of the circumstances and the challenges. The Jordanian people are solidly behind the government in its austerity measures designed to enable the Jordanians to rationalise consumption and to shoulder their responsibility under the present difficult circumstances, the paper noted. Jordan, it added, is now exposed to a series of harassments and is facing difficulties aimed at forcing the country to change its national position. But the paper noted the Jordanian people are steadfast, and will continue to adopt measures that would help them become self-reliant and capable of dealing with the

hardships at hand.

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Jordan defends peace, seeks justice

By HRH Crown Prince Hassan

does not exclude the possibility

of arrangements that could be

entered into by Iraq and

Kuwait after withdrawal or the

possibility of judicial settle-ment hy reference to the

and the credibility of the con-

tent of Security Council resolu-

Our position on terrorism

and histage-taking is very clear and consistent. Jordan

played a pivotal role in adopt-

ing the United Nations conven-

tion against the taking of bos-

tions on the other.

There are a number of misconceptions feeding largely on the reports of an idle and bored press corps based in Amman, this make it imperative to clarify some Jordanian positions and attitudes, in the hope of preserving our traditional and highly valued - friendship with the United Kingdom.

Jordan is not an apologist for Iraq. We have made it clear to the Iraq leadership that we are against the acquisition of territory by force and that we support the restoration of the Emir of Kuwait, whose government we still recognise. We are, however, apologists for peace. We do not believe that those who clamour for war understand the devastation and suffering that it would bring, nor the deep hatred it

A peaceful resolution is not а поп-principled resolution. We think Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwaii should be unconditional, yet unconditionality

By HRH Crown Prince Hassau tages and we have multilateral-The following article appeared in the Independent newspaper on Oct. by and bilaterally co-operated in the global fight against terrorism. We do not approve of Irac's taking of hostages and we have exerted efforts for their release. It is important to remember

World Court. The United Nathat Jordan is passing through tions Security Council's Rea genuine and active democrasolution 660 condemned Iraq's tic process. President Hussein invasion of Knwait and called of Iraq is very popular in Jorfor its immediate and uncondan --- as be is throughout the ditional withdrawal. With Arab World. This is a limiting creativity, paragraph three of factor on Jordan's manoeuvrathe same resolution - calling bility. The application of sancfor Iraq and Kuwait to begin tions has meant economic immediate and intensive negosuicide for Jordan: the hope tiations to resolve their differmust be expressed that Jurdan ences upon to strike a delicate will not be asked to commit balance between the need for political suicide, too. With the possible exception of Iraq itself, no country has permanent negotiations between states on the one hand

been more .hard-hit by sanctions than Jordan. Its citizens, through no fault of their own or their government, have to bear the main brunt of sanctions directed against another state. As part of a vicious circle this feeds and-Western and anti-Gulf feelings, and in turn

garding Jordan's compliance with sanctions. If a wider perspective is not taken, Jordan could be pushed completely into Iraq's arms due to the very methods employed to "bring it

to its senses." Jordan has from the beginning agreed to abide by Resolution 661 imposing econo-mic sanctions, and subsequent resolutions on sanctions against Iraq, and to carry them ont in good faith. In some cases it even went beyond what was strictly required of it under those resolutions. It is ironic that while the potential for large-scale sanction-busting. which might take place with the acquiescence of the governments of other neighbouring countries, would go un-noticed, the shipment, for example, of powdered milk by charitable n rganisations in Jor-dan is used as "evidence" of

oil (for domestic consumption only). The Iraqi economy does not benefit from the importation of this oil, since it is in lieu of an outstanding debt owed by Iraq to Jordan. Moreover. without this oil there would be a blackout in the country and a complete halt to economic activity.

Similarly, a possible interpretation of Resolution 661 is that the movement of persons from Iraq and Kuwait should be stopped if there is no ancillary contract consisting, for example, of the payment for air tickets or taxi fares. Jordan is not applying this literally for humanitarian reason. It will be remembered that more than two million third-state nationals remain in Kuwait and Irac. The single-mindedness of applying effective sanctions has to be tempered with humanita-rian considerations.

With respect to Resolution 670, imposing an air embargo, we interpret it as being cargo-oriented, but may seek clarification from the United Nations Sanctions Committee. In the meantime, pessenger flights will continue to be per-

Without diluting the imperative need to apply Security Council resolutions pertaining to the present crisis, it is important that international law not be divorced from international justice. The implemention of Security Council resolution 242 of 1967 calling for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories occupied after the 1967 conflict, of resolution 465 of 1980 demanding an end to Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territories and 478 of the same year condemning legislation that declared Jerusalem the "indivisible" capital of Israel, among others is long overdue.

Jordan can and will play a role in finding a negotiated solution to the Arab-Israeli problem within the confines of international legitimacy. The Independent.

Palestinian frustration with West behind support for Iraq

By Ghassan Andoni

DESPITE misunderstandings. especially by Israelis, Palestinian strategy throughout the period of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict bas aimed to create a power base to prepare for a realistic, peaceful solution. But as the Palestinians never managed to build this base, they never managed in the past to show the positive peaceful side of their strategy clearly.

The intifada created a symbolic power-hase which belped the Palestinians to go on presenting the positive, peaceful part of their strategy. Until recently, the intifada Palestinian factors: showing more trust in the goodwill of the U.S. and the West; strengthening the alliance with Egypt; and placing more faith in the possibility of creating conditions under which Israelis can

accept territorial compromises. Unfortunately, the Palestimans' experience in the past 1,000 days of the intifada has made them less confident of the viahility of this strategy. On the contrary, the shortcomings of the recent period have been as follows:

- The official Israeli policy is the most extremist ever; the over whelming majority of Israelis are either ideological or security hawks; no sense of urgency is created among them concerning the Palestinians' continuous and unsustainable suffering.

 Soviet Jewish immigration threatens to change the geography and demography of the occupied territories for ever. - The collapse of the low-

level American-Palestinian di-- The passage of a resolution by the U.S. Congress recognising unified Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel. - The beginning of a crisis in Egyptian-Palestinian rela-

This has resulted in a real crisis in the Palestinian community concerning intifada strategy. Most Palestinians believe now that two major factors are missing in the intifada formula: a real utilisation of Arab resources to make the Americans more serious about the Palestinian issue; and a real change in the balance of power in the region to convince the Israeli hawks of the urgency of

FOR THE Palestinian leadership, Iraq was a good choice to identify with.

On the one hand, it is a powerful, wealthy Arah state with major influence in the Gulf area, where Western interests reside. It also seeks to change the formula of interest and relations between Arabs and the West for the benefit of the Arah and Palestinians

Jordanian non-compliance

with the sanctions. The only

significant commodity that Jor-

dan still imports from Iraq is

On the other hand, after the end of the war with Iran, Iraq joined the alliance of moderates, which included Egypt, Jordan and the PLO; presented for the first time a coalition of power, pragmatism, moderation and goodwill; and appeared to have the potential to be acceptable by everyone, including the Israelis. The result was a quick build-up of Palestinian-Iraqi relations in the pre-invasion period. At the same time, Israel was working for possible Egyptian mediation between Israel and Iraq.

Out of urgency, impatience, over confidence or miscalculation, Iraq moved quickly to a military solution of its differ-ences with Kuwait, creating a

very difficult situation for the Palestinians. Practically, the Palestinian

stand will not affect the final ontcome or the path of the But the Palestinian position

has a very positive impact on the Arah masses, on the emotional and moral level. The only national interest of

the Palestinians is to prevent the occurrence of war in the region. They share the world's worry about the consequences of war. At the same time, they are practically and morally opposed to any solution aimed at the destruction of Iraq as a major power in the Middle

The Gulf crisis has its roots in the unsustainable, complex situation in the Middle East. with the Palestinian issue as the major unresolved problem. One can claim that the official Palestinian position is fairly

neutral and pragmatic, consistent with Palestinian national interests and ommitment to a peaceful and moral two-state

It calls for a negotiated solution to the crisis; for ending the military build-up in the region; for ending foreign interference and allowing for an Arab solution to the crisis; for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and the right of the Knwaiti people to self-determination. It calls for a related peaceful solution of other Middle East crises, including the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Regardless of the ontcome of the crisis, it has been proved dangerous to keep glasnost away from the Middle East.

The writer is a Palestinian teacher of physics at Bir Zeit University. His article appeared in the Jerusalem Post of Oct. 5, 1990.

LETTERS

Please continue good efforts

His Majesty King Hussein Amman, Jordan

As you can see, your Majesty, by the enclosed letter (below) that I wrote to the editor of the Chattanooga Times newspaper, in Tennessee, and was published on September 21, 1990, that I am a father of one of the Americans stationed in Saudi Arabia (his name and title is: Cpl. John P. McInerney, 124th Mechanised Infantry Battalion).

I would like you to know how grateful I am, and how grateful many Americans are for your efforts to solve the crisis through people over satellite CNN. .

You were quite correct to tell the American people that our president moved too hastily and impulsively and has placed the entire wourld on the brink of World War Three!

You must understand that the parasitic state of Israel is goading and encouraging our President and be lacks the fortitude to withstand their efforts. The illegal government of the state of Israel will continue to prod and encourage military action in the Middle East and the whole world is going to suffer.

Please Your Majesty, continue your efforts to solve this very serious problem through diplomatic channels. I do not want my son to die for reasons that are of no American concern - this situation in the Arab World is an Arab problem and should be solved by the Arabs not Americans or any Westerners!

Best wishes to you, Your Majesty and the people of Jordan.

John W. McInerney

'Get out'

I am a very angry father. For 20 years my wife and I have workd to raise three wonderful sons. Most of those years I've had to work two jobs, sometimes 16 hours a day. I have discovered none more patriotic than I. Four years in the marines, six in the active reserves and 16 years as a police officer.

With my blessings, my son enlisted in the Army shortly after high school. He wanted time to mature, earn money for college and see more of the world. We both knew of the consequences of military service. This contrived crisis in the Middle East breaks my heart. Like sheep being led to a slanghter, my son and thousands of other Americans are about to be sacrificed.

When will American politicians learn to mind their own misiness? The United States is not the world's police department. Wasn't Vietnam enough? This is not a war for freedom for Americans: it's a war about to be fought for the pocket-books of oil cartels, big bankers and the goading of other countries such as the state of Israel. Israel would like nothing better than for the United States to go fight the Arabs and do its dirty work.

This Mideast crisis takes the serious problems of the United States (bank failures, recession, inflation and congressional pay hikes) off the minds of the American sheep. In God's name. Let's wake up and get out of the Mideast before it's too late.

John W. McInerney .

Enemy on our doorstep

To the Editor:

THE West and the world powers are concerned with peace and the security of the area, they contend, at a time when all have gone mad in response to the annexation of Kuwait by Iraq. blowing up the situation to dangerous dimensions, by bringin about an unprecedented amalgam of war fleets and hundreds of thousands of soldiers into the area.

At a time like this, my call for peace is a simple one, and some might find it extremely naive: Let all foreign forces get off our backs and leave our Arab tribes, spread over the Arab World (which in modern history have been made into states of every size and form), leave us alone, leave us to solve our problems by our own simple and compassionate tribal laws and codes.

And coming to the major issue, which is the Palestinian problem; let us achieve peace, by immediately using all means to stop the Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine, and let us call for the return of two million Palestinians to their homes and land instead of the two million Soviet Jews who already have a home and a country.

And then we shall welcome all the millions of Jews from all over the world to make their pilgrimage to Jerusalem and to weep as they please at its walls, and then, may they leave after that, as millions of Muslim do, after their pilgrimage to Mecca.

My call for peace might be extremely naive, yet how much do we need to go to the essential elements, when issues seem to be extremely complex.

At a time like this, as we find ourselves surrounded by various destructive forces, let us support the call of parliamentarian Laith Shbeilat, to arm all citizens in fear that one day we might find ourselves defenceless, with the enemy on our door. For we shall not be saved by faith alone.

Mona Saudi,

The following four "letters to the editor" are reprinted from the Guardian newspaper of Oct. 6,1990. They appeared together under the same headline, and were the only letters to the editor concerning the Gulf crisis in that issue.

Double standards in reparations

THE SUGGESTION, by George Bush and Margaret Thatcher that Iraq should pay Kuwait reparations for the damage that has occurred since the start of the Gulf crisis is a welcome move. It should be encouraged by the Umted Nations, as it will reduce the risk of a further escalation of tension in the region.

They are right to say one country should not be able to intervene and get away with the use of force in another country's affairs. The major flaw in their argument relates to the selective nature of their criticism. They also seem to have a collective and severe problem with amnesia. In 1986 Nicaragua took the United States to the World Court

over the damage caused by Ronald Reagan's use of force against this democratically-elected government (unlike that of Kuwait). The U.S. was found guilty on all charges and ordered to pay \$12. billion in reparation. To date not a cent has been paid, yet that country has been brought to its knees financially, and thousands of people have been killed as a consequence of U.S. foreign policy in this and other Central American countries.

If the U.S. were to pay its debt to Nicaragua, and also pay their outstanding subscription to the U.N., they would be in a slightly better position to call on international laws to support their.

Let's face it, the deployment of troops in the Gulf is really concerned with self interest and world power, and not the interests of Kuwait. The Gulf crisis is about control of the world's oil supplies. Whoever controls oil is going to be in a very powerful In the longer term, this is possibly one of the few ways Mr.

Bush and Mrs. Thatcher can see to putting a curb on the economic growth of Japan and a unified Germany, both of which are far more vulnerable to oil shortages than either the U.S. or Britain. As for Saddam Hussein, he has to learn, like General Noriega in Panama, that he has to do what the U.S says rather than do what the U.S. does!

Brian Woodward, Bath, Avon.

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YET AGAIN, we are seeing double standards on the question of Iraq. In a speech made during her visit to New York earlier this week, Mrs. Thatcher said that "Iraq should be forced to pay for the damage it has caused Knwait, and the Iraqi troops should be forced to stand trial for any crimes committed in Kuwait." I'll agree with that, and look forward to her support for the

same principles to apply to others.

For example, will she force the United States to pay for the damage, deaths and injuries they caused to and in Grenada, Panama, Nicaragua, Vietnam (still awaiting the payment of

\$3,200,000,000), and Cambodia.

Let's not forget Israel and Indonesia for their crimes and occupation still, of Palestine and East Timor. Mrs. Thatcher's charge that the Iraqi troops should be brought

to trial, is interesting, will she press for the murderers of the people of the Mai Lai village, and the Sabra, Shatila camps, to be brought to justice? But why only the troops! What of their leaders! Step forward

Nixon, Reagan, Ford, Carter, Bush.

What of the leaders of the countries that have supported the U.S., such as Shamir, Wilson (Harold, that is) and, of course,

Len Aldie,

PRESIDENT BUSH, in his address to the United Nations, for the first time linked the Gulf conflict with other Middle East issues, thus coming as close as he could to abandoning the U.S.-inspired U.N. insistence on "unconditional" Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

The gesture is doubly welcome. Not only can the then allies' demand of "unconditional surrender" be held to have needlessly prolonged the second world war. But a comprehensive Middle East settlement is obviously preferable to a narrow, and perhaps Pyrrhic, victory by either side imposed by force.

An ill wind could thus, and perhaps only thus, blow the post-cold war world lasting good. That unnecessary (not so little) word, making agreement between the parties unconscionably, difficult, should be quietly dropped from the diplomatic vocabul-

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MRS. THATCHER has proved in her New York speech that she does not want the Gulf crisis solved diplomatically. In 1982 when diplomacy was reaching its climar she gave the order to sink the Belgrano, with terrible consequences.

If there was a war in the Middle East does she comprehend the horrific casualties of chemical and maybe atomic warfare with thousands dead, and a region left in turmoil, and with increased

terrorism throughout the world? A just stand has been made against Iraq, but a diplomatic solution is imperative, and I am sure this will be achieved by the United Nations. But the pontifications of the prime minister will not help anyone, especially those British, American, and other nationals still in Kuwait and Iraq.

John H. Courtney, Exeter, Devou.

group to enter the area. Gershon Salomon, head of the zealots, was quoted as saying that they did not try to lay the stone but were pelted with rocks when they marched to the Old City carrying Israeli flags.

A 14-year-old Palestinian boy who gave his name only as Safvan to the AP said he and others ran to protect the boly shrines after mosque londspeakers warned

that Jews were coming, Khaled Shalatef, a 26-year-old Palestinian hit in the head with rubber bullets, said: "We are Mislims and we came to defend our mosque."

"I did not expect Jews to perform such terrible massacres against unarmed people," be added as he was being treated at Augusta Victoria Hospital.

The previous worst toll in the 34-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation was 17 killed on April 16, 1988.

Monday's shooting brought the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis in the uprising to more

than 760. The Islamic resistance movement Hamas called for a "bloody

(Continued from page 1)

Later Prince Hassan spoke to

Turkish Television. Answering

questions, he explained Jordan's

the Gulf, and sanctions against

"I believe that the diplomatic

traffic has been through Am-

man," he said and referred to the

recent visit of Soviet envoy Yeg-

veny Primakov. The visit "was

important in terms of the state-

ment that we have heard from the

Soviet Union that the Soviet Un-

ion has deep concern over the

possibility of war and the ques-

tion of imminence of war and

indeed it is terribly important. As

President Mitterrand's statement

in the U.N. General Assembly

pointed ont, the bnh of this

issue... is the withdrawal from

Knwait over which the interna-

tional community and my country

is agreed," the Crown Prince

said. "However, I think our bope

is effectively that a process can be

engaged whereby the Security

Council resolution affects the

forces that withdraw and at the

same time emphasises paragraph

three of Resolution 663 which

contacts, is that there is a deep

concern over the possibilities of

devastating war. Of course, if

military option continues, our

hopes are that peace will have a

Jordan is "in for full conformi-

ty with the sanctions" against

Iraq, he said. "We have two

Security Council notes which

have unanimously carried by all

the council members commend-

refers clearly to an Arab input.

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escalation" of the uprising and called a three-day strike throughout the occupied territories from

Police arrested Faisal Al Husseini, a prominent Palestinian leader in the West Bank, on suspicion of inciting the protest, Israeli sources said.

Palestinian leaders repeated a call to the United Nations Security Council for protection in the occupied territories.

We do not understand how the Security Council can ignore our plea for protection when it is prepared to send troops to fight a war in the Gulf," the leaders said m a statement.

There were anguished, chaotic scenes outside the hospitals as victims poured in and relatives hunted for loved ones. The discrepancy between the Arab and Israeli casualty counts could not immediately be explained.

Police said 120 Palestinians were arrested, including Faisal

Atop the Haram Al Sharif complex, Mufti Sheikh Jamal Alami pointed to pools of blood and told an American reporter: "Your country is giving the Israelis bullets. In 1967, there was no shooting like today. This is a boly mosque, and you tell me,

ing Jordan for implementing

sanctions. The Security Council

notes also refer to the critical

situation over the petroleum and

source is Iraq and that is oil

trucked by land and clearly as we

are cut off from Saudi Arabia...

Jordan has no other source ex-

cept Iraq for energy and that

would clearly mean that in a full

stoppage there will be a total

hlackout. Even drinking water

will be impossible. So in terms of

sanctions there is full conformity

"I think that we have been

pressured by many who pass

questions like why you don't join

the team? Why you do not join the multinational force and that

of course is another issue which

we addressed very clearly. It is

Jordan's role and hope and posi-

tion in this crisis that the interna-

tional legitimacy will apply and

clearly Jordan cannot be

punished by sanctions for a situa-

tion that is essentially a Gulf

crisis. Fifty per cent of our GNP.

is gone as a result of these sanc-

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between us. Kuwait and Iraq and

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If that were to stop there will

be a total hlackont of Jordan and

it is not Jordan afterall that

(and) to power light industries.

with the sanctions."

"You know that our sole

oil derivatives.

Crown Prince pays tribute to Japan

Why are the soldiers here? Salomon, head of the faithful, told Reuters: "The occupation of the Temple Mount' by Arabs

must be finished." He denied he had provoked the Arabs and said he planned further attempts to lay a foundation

Ambulances screamed into Mokassed Hospital on the Mount of Olives bringing Arab youths on bloodstained stretchers after the shooting. About 500 Arab youths gatherd in the hospital courtyard shouting slogans. They were surrounded by paramilitary police with dogs.

The emergency room is full. Some of them are in serious condition and more ambulances are arriving all the time," a doc-

Adnan Hamad, administration director of Mukassed, said 13 dead were brought there. He said another 70 were injured with plastic and live ammunition, and added: "It's manslaughter."

Amin Madjaj, medical director of the nearby Angusta Victoria Hospital, said he received mine dead. Officials said 80 Palestinians were brought to the hospital wounded by rubber bullets or live ammunition.

Crown Prince

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how they see it. The difficulty

I've had for the last several weeks

is to try and convince our West-

ern interlocutors that there is a

difference between taking mea-

sures which are in conformity

with international legitimacy to

restore the sovereignty of Kuwait

and indeed to reverse the annexa-

tion of Knwait and between

trying to explain these actions in

terms which are clearly under-

stood by public perception in

bility gap between international

perceptions of what is good for

the security of the region and the

provocative act is taking place

now. I know this act doesn't

represent the feelings of all Jews.

I'm afraid bere as I believe many

thoughtful people should be think-

ing is that we are beading towards

a polarisation of Muslim-

Christian-Jewish confrontation.

Could this act be a diversion from

the Gulf crisis? Does that diver-

sion mean that the Tsraelis for

some Israeli hawks think that on

the eve of the visit of European

foreign ministers to the area that

they can show that the subject of

security in Israel is still of para-

mount significance and Arabs are

unreasonable. The fact remains is

that a violent Israeli reaction has

taken place to a provocative ac-

injustice felt by the Palestinians.

'I cannot understand why this

regional realities bere.

"There is a tremendous credi-

the region.

condemns

Al Sharif complex. The Security Council also was to

other diplomats argued that the council is being distracted by the Gulf crisis from what they called the root problem in the region — Israeli occupation of Arab territory, Earlier Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar ex-

The U.N. chief said the clash was a

A statement issued by his office said, "Today's incidents are a tragic

the stalemate that has for far too long characterised the Israeli-Palestinian British Foreign Secretary Douglas

termed a "poisonous dispute."

He told Channel Four television the Gulf crisis was an obstacle to the Middle East peace process.

"I think it's only when the aggres-

sor is out of Kuwait that it's going to

U.N. debates massacre

(Continued from page 1) (but) it does not mean the opening of

a second front' "It can only confirm my view that we simply must find a way that will allow dialogue to triumph over vio-

The U.N. Security Council convened Monday to condemn the Jeru-

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was to ask the council to condemn Israel and a proposed resolution would condemn Israel "for the criminal act committed."

A proposed resolution also would sh a three-member comission from the council to undertake a factfinding mission on the situation in Jerusalem and the occupied territor-

U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering told reporters on entering the council chamber that the governm condemns the use of live fire and calls for restraint. He said extremists on both sides are trying to inflame the

situation in Jerusalem.

Pickering, a former ambassador to
Israel, said Israeli authoritics need to be better prepared to handle "secursituations. The State Department also has issued a statement deploring the loss of life.

But it was not known how the United States, Israel's strongest ally, would vote on the proposed resolu-

PLO Ambassador Zuhdi Labib Terzi told reporters there was an Israeli plan to take over the Haram

continue debate on the occupied ter-ritories. Palestinians, Arabs and some

pressed "grave concern" over the incident and said Israeli authorities may have used excessive force against

'tragic illustration" of the dangers posed by the Israeli-Palestinian stale-

illustration of the dangers inherent in

Hurd said the massacre was tragic and he called for a settlement of what he

There is a poisonous dispute capable of erupting, as we've just seen, and we have to go back to it and do our best - not just Britain but as an international community... with Israel, with the Palestinians, to try another attempt at getting a settle-ment," Hurd said.

the Palestinians, which are at the moment suppressed," Hurd, who will visit Israel and Egypt next week, said. If Iraq left Kuwaii in would provide "moment of opportunity" to reach a The Foreign Office issued a state-

he practicable to try again to recon

cile the security of Israel, to which

they are entitled, with the rights of

ment Monday saying it was shocked at the extent of the Jerusalem violence and urged an Israeli-Palestinian "We appeal to the Israeli author-

ities and to the Palestinian leaders to do all that they can to restore calm in this highly volatile situation," the This dreadful incident demons trates yet again the need for Israelis

and Palestinians to begin the dialogue which is the essential first step for the negotiation of peace and security in the region," it added. Italy's Communist Party leader

urged the United Nations to intervene after the massacre. 'At this point the intervention of the U.N. is necessary," Achille

Occidenta said "One cannot avoid the suspicion that the massacre was planned jointly by the most altra-Nazi groups of the (Jewish) right and in the Israeli army," be told reporters. The incident could have been de-

signed to "close all the doors to a political solution of the (Cinif) crisis

"As long as the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people are not satisfied, there will be no peace. stability and cooperation in the Mid-dle East, which will continue to be a powder keg," Occhetto said.

Iraq's ruling party threatened re-taliation for the massacre and pre-dicted it would lead Arabs to "the liberation of Jerusalem and all other holy places."

The latter referred to Saudi Arabia, which Iraq has condemned for allowing foreign military forces on its soil. Many Muslims say that is a desecration of Islam's holiest shrines at Mecca and Medina. This vicious crime will not go

withou retalizion, and the Arab Nation is certainly capable to retaliate and it will," said Al Thawra, the newspaper of the Arab Baath Socialist Party in Baghdad.
In an editorial for Tuesday's paper,

obtained by the Associated Press Monday. Al Thawra described the killing as "a massacre which has been made possible with American aid and support to Israel."

What happened in occupied Palestine is a crime... and will cause a widescale indignation in the Arab and Islamic world," the newspaper said. "It would not have been possible

without the support of the American imperialism, which provides the Zionist entitity with all necessary weapons and political protection.
"It will turn into a massive wave of

indignation, which will take the pan-Arab struggle into a step towards the liberation of Jerusalem and all other boly places and claim the Arab Homeland from treachery and occupation, the editorial said.

Iraqi ship intercepted in Gulf

tion (by the Jewish extremists). I believe what happened was a spontaneous outhurst of rage over a feeling of deeply engraved

another time, intercepting the Tadmur after it left the Gulf of Agaba and finding it empty. Reporting on the Al Wasitti

tinued her ordinary sailing towards her destination heedless of the harassments and attacks prac-

Vice Admiral Henry H. Mauz, overall commander of U.S. naval

were boarded and scarched for prohibited Iraq-bound cargo, up by 37 above the figure four days

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Amman's

Arabiyat advises Jordanians to reach food self-sufficiency

By Maha Addasi

AMMAN - Minister of Agriculture Dr. Suleiman Arabiyat said Monday that Jordan could increase its production of wheat by cutting down the area cultivated with tobacco and growing seed crops instead.

In a lecture entitled "Jordanian Agriculture in Emergencies." delivered to audience of faculty members and students at the University of Jordan, Arabiyat mentioned the steps that should be taken by Jordan to ensure the availability of food for Jordan's population at

"In trying times like these, Jordan must turn to ensuring the availability of its own food needs, mostly "Seed crops which are the major staple consumed," Arabiyat said. Jordan consumes 500,000 tonnes of wheat annually, but produces only 75,000 tonnes. according to the minister.

"Our main purpose is to make use of as much land as possible to grow seed crops," Arabiyat said. He added that farmers could cultivate government owned farmland paying symbolic fees.

"The fee to use government land is 50 fils per dunum for unirrigated land," "and 500 fils per dunum for irrigated land," Arabivat said.

The limited amount of water is a major concern to farmers, Arabiyat said, but "farmers have to work out this problem one way or another.

"A farmer could use drip irrigation, for example, to have water," Arabiyat asserted. According to Arabiyat, the availability of equipment for

cultivation is another major

concern, but he says that a substantial amount of equipment is available at the Ministry of Agriculure.

all farm animals cows should be given priority in feeding in case of food shortages. "In can of food shortages for farm animals," fodder should

Arabiyat also said that out of

be given to cows. The number of other farm

animals should be reduced, Arabiyat said. 'This could be done, as in the case of chickens, by slaughtering them or by selling them to family owned poultry businesses."

According to Arabiyat, families in urban areas will be encouraged to keep farm animals. "The restrictions of keepmg farm animals will be reduced," Arabiyat said. "But these animals must meet certain health requirements."

Jordan urges protection

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The spokesman said the Jordanian government had instructed its U.N. ambassador to take up the matter with the world body.

Lower House of Parliament Speaker Suleiman Arar and Minister of Information Ibrahim Izzeddine in statements to the Jordan Television, condemned the Israeli actions and called on the Arab and Islamic nations to unite in the face of the common

The event in Jerusalem shows that as the American-led forces in the Gulf are stepping up their threats and preparing for war, their Israeli allies are pursuing the atrocities against the Arah population in Palestine," Arar

"There is a clear linkage between the two areas since there is a common goal for the U.S. and Israel." he said.

Arar said that the Arabs should unite their ranks and depend on themselves and not on the foreign forces, "especially the United States which has been providing assistance and military aid to Israel to pursue its designs in

Izzeddine, who is also acting foreign minister, said the Jordanian government was deeply concerned over the massacre in Jeru-

"The event is a repetition of Israel's acts of atrocities over the years," Izzeddinc said. "The Jordanian government is determined to put the Palestine question before the international community so as to underline the fact that the Palestinian people are

A senior Palestinian official in Amman said that "the consequences of the new massacre in Arab Jerusalem are bound to reverberate throughout the Arab and Islamic worlds, especially those Arab and Islamic countries the Gulf region."

Mohammad Milhem, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Orgamisarion (PLO), said in a state- Israel and to send U.N. forces to ment to the Jordan Times that provide protection to the Palesti-

"the new massacre underlines the importance of linking the Gulf crisis with the Palestine problem as proposed by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in his Ang. 12 initiative since the crux of all problems in the Middle East stem

tween the Palestinians and Israeli forces refutes Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens' claim that the uprising was fizzling out," Milhem said, "The new development points to the fact that the intifada has now entered a new phase of action. Another PLO Executive Com-

mittee member, Bishop Elia Khouri, said that the "crime was committed as the world's eyes are directed towards the Gulf region.'

tunity to carry out its atrocities in the occupied Arab lands. Bishop Khouri told the Jordan Times. "Undaunted by the large pre-

holy shrines and to thwart attempts by extremist Jews to achieve their aim," the bishop are determined to pursue the struggle for freedom and for defending their boly land regardless of the oppression and the tremendous challenges they are facing," be said.

Petra quoted a spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) as condemning the massacre in Jerusalem and demanding popular and official response to Israel's

Navef Hawatmch, leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), who is in Algeria, called on the United Nations to impose sanctions on

nian people. He called on the Security Council to pass a new resolution calling for the termination of Israel's occupation of Arah territories through an international peace conference.

The chairman of the Royal Committee for Jerusalem Affairs, Akram Zueiter, said: "Arabs and Muslims are now confronting a dangerous test. The Jerusalem massacre is a disaster that should shake the hearts of the millions of Arabs and Muslmis around the

"The Palestinian people have never shirked their duty of defending Palestine and its holy shrines and they will continue to do so," Zueiter added. "There can be no Islam if Palestine and the shrines there are lost if the Al Aqsa Mosque is destroyed," said Zuciter, who is also member of

the Upper House of Parliament. "The Arabs and Muslims," he added, "are going through a crucial test and their religion demands from them to launch a boly war can be waged for salva-tion." But, he said, "a determined step should first be taken to unite ranks and end differences among the Muslim people."

The National Bloc at the Low er House of Parliament issued a statement calling on the Arab and Islamic masses to prepare for a "final hattle against the Zionist onslaught." The Jerusalem massacre, the statement said, should serve as a "real test for those Arah leaders who have sent forces to the Gulf, away from the real hattle with the Israeli

Jerusalem Mayor Rouhi Al leaders to end their disputes and to unify their efforts to counter

Israeli challenges.

Westerners free to leave

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Izvestia said. An airliner brought 128 Soviet oil workers back to Moscow after Iraq promised a large number of Soviet citizens would be allowed

Izvestia said 5,000 Soviet citizens remained in Iraq, most of ...

charged Egyptian Muslim fundamentalists with collaborating with Palestinians sent to the country by Iraq on sabotage missions, a report said Monday. The state-owned newspaper Al

obstacles they faced.

Ahram said the fundamentalists

Council denied the report.

(Continued from page 1) unaggressive and unthreatening

still aboard, the Defence Ministry

one incident and a Spanish vessel

exposed to harassment." ticed by the new sea pirates," the

forces in the region, said that as of Monday 2,061 ships had been intercepted since the Aug. 12

embargo began. Of the ships intercepted, 207

wanted to come home hut could 216 before the Ang. 2 invasion of not do so. It did not say what

annexed Kuwait.'

Kuwait, the daily newspaper

to go home soon.

- Police authorities have

provided weapons and explosives to five Palestinians of Ahu Nidal's organisation for sabotage operations in tourist attractions like. the Pyramids area, south Sinai and the Red Sea as well as crowded places like Cairo's main

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In a statement issued in Beirut, Abu Nidal's Fatch Revolutionary

way as possible." Later, royal marines from the frigate HMS Brazen absciled, also from a Lynx helicopter, onto the Tadmur off the Omani coast. searched the tanker and diverted it to a nearby port for further investigations with the marines

No shots were reported in that incident, which also involved the destroyer USS Goldsborough and the Australian frigate AHMS Darwin, the Defence Ministry

There have been five cases of warning shots being fired, so far carried out by the U.S. navy. An Australian warship assisted in

incident, the Iraqi News Agency said "an Iraqi ship has been The Iraqi ship Al Wasitti con-

news agency said.

which have sent troops to join the American-led invasion forces in

from the Palestine issue." "The new confrontation be-

"Israel has seized the oppor-

sence of Israeli troops Palestinian youths sallied forth to save the

struggling for freedom," he said.

"Action is needed urgently to stop the Zionists from benefiting from the current world situation resulting from the Gulf crisis to deal a serious blow to the intifada," the spokesman said.

enemy. Khatih appealed to Arah Muslim

"The Jerusalem massacre is an episode of a long series of crimes committed by radical, racist Jewish groups which attempt to hreak into the Al Aqsa Mosque," he said. He said he expected a clash between those groups and the Arabs who vowed to sacrifice their lives to defend the holy

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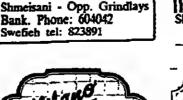
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Milan, Barcelona and Marseille ride high in European soccer

AC MILAN, Barcelooa and Marseille stamped their authority on the big Enropean soccer leagues this weekend, turning in fine performances to leave rivals scrambling in their wake.

Milan's Dutch striker Marco van Basten woke Monday to a chorus of praise from Italian newspapers and the legendary Brazilian player Pele.

Van Basten scored both goals in AC Milan's 2-0 home victory over Cagliari Sunday, the first after four minutes, the second from a penalty.

"What a pearl of a goal," gushed La Gazzetta Delio Sport after Van Basten seized on an error and swerved round both defender and goalkeeber to put Milan ahead.

Pele, in Italy for a 50th birthday celebration match between Brazil and the rest of the world, jumped to his feet and applauded the goal wildly.

"That wasn't just football, it was music," he said. AC Milan are now two points

clear at the top of the league ahead of arch rivals Internazionale who managed only a draw against Atalanta Sunday. Reign-

ing champions Napoli also drew leaving them five points adrift of the leaders after only five matches in a miserable start to the season.

"The leaders, unstoppable," screamed one Spanish headline after Barcelona stretched their winning streak to six consecutive games by beating Athletic Bilbao

Barcelona's win and Real Madrid's 1-1 away draw to Real Sociedad puts last season's champions three points behind their arch-rivals.

"An away draw is never a bad thing, but I did not like the look of my team one bit," said Real Madrid's Welsh coach John Toshack. "It's obvious I have got a lot of work to do with this team. We are a long way from what we

French champions Marseille, who moved three points clear of Auxerre at the top of the league with a 3-1 win over St Etienne, are finding more problems off the pitch than oo it.

The rumhlings of a power struggle hetween millionaire President Bernard Tapie and oew technical director Franz Beckenhauer continued over the

after a goal in the dving seconds Tapie, who angered Beckenfrom Frank Wolf. bauer by pulling reserve keeper Gaetan Huard out of the squad to Third-placed Eintracht Frank

travel to Albania for a European furt, knocked out of the UEFA Cup match last week without Cup last week by Denmark's Brondby, also failed to keep up telling him, defended his position the pressure on the leaders, suf-fering their first defeat of the First choice keeper Pascal season as newly-promoted Wat-Olmeta, singed in the summer tenscheid. after Huard broke a leg, has a

clause in his contract guaran-Aiax Amsterdam underlined their class Sunday when they teeing that his understudy cannot walloped Nec Nijmegen 7-0.to go ahead of the inactive PSV Ein-"I signed Beckenbauer to take dhoven at the top of the Dutch care of the team on the field hat

Strikers Stefan Petterssoo and he must take certain things into Dennis Bergkamp both grabbed account." Tapie said. "Olmeta is hat-tricks but it was dazzling wing play by John Van 't Schip and the first choice keeper and cannot be in competition for a place with Bryan Roy that inspired the buge win over Nec who were previous-Marseille also bave problems with Yugoslav midfielder Dragan ly unbeateo this season.

Ajax, the reigning Dutch champions, are banned from the European Cup after crowd trouble at a UEFA Cup game last

"I think that we could have gone a long way in the European Cup playing with three for-wards. Ajax coach Leo Beenhakker said.

Ajax oow have 12 points from seveo games, two points clear of PSV who have a game in hand.

Cash continues his climb back in tennis

of Australia continued his long climb back to the top flight of tennis with a two-set win over Niclas Kroon of Sweden in the first round of the \$1-million 7-6 (7-4) 6-4. Tokyo Indoor Tennis tournament

Cash, who was once among the world's too 10 but fell to 368th at the end of last year following surgery to a ruptured Achilles tendon, took 95 minotes to oust Wednesday. Kroon 6-2 7-6 (9-7).

The 1987 Wibledon champion. currently ranked 91st in the world, dominated the first set through his serve and volley game hut found the going much more difficult in the second.

Although he quickly built a 4-0 lead, Kroon, ranked 12 places higher than Cash, fought back to 4-3 and then moved ahead 6-5 with a series of aces and service return winners.

Cash responded by levelling the score at 6-6 and then took the tiebreak 9-7 when Kroon netted a forehand.

The Australian will meet former Freech Open champioo Michael Chang of the United States in the second round Tues-

ino, ranked below 600th in the world, came from behind to beat Joey Rive of the United States, a strong lefthander ranked 104, 2-6

The top seeds, including world number one Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Ivan Lendl, Andres Gomez and defending champion Aaron Krickstein, received byes into second round which will be played over Tuesday and

"I started playing very well," Cash said after the match." "I didn't do anything wrong. He served very well and hit a couple of aces. I made mistakes but just played very well." Cash fired nine aces. Kroon

In an all-American first-round match, Brad Pearce lost a first-set tiebreak but rallied to beat Dan

Goldie 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-3. Pearce fired five service aces, while Goldie committed eight double faults in the one bour, 45 minote match at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gym.

In aoother all-American match, Rick Leach struggled through two tiebreaks before States in the second round Tuesdowning David Pate 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 day. It will be the first time the (8-6).

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You will need to have much conversation with an associate to

rightly made.

yourself from making the mistake

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

You feel you are not getting any-where but fast today and need to

get into private matters which re-

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Friends and acquaintances are apt

to be uncertain just how to go

along with you in a situation of importance so work it out with

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) As

you start out the day be careful that you handle whatever outside

that are of concern to you in a very

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) You have interest in mat-

ters at a distance whether going

there or in communications and be

sure that all arrangements are

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Be-fore you can get off to things you want to do there are some prom-

ises made that need to be carefully carried out, then you are free for

for more interesting times.

of pointing out others flaws...

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

understand the point that indi-GENERAL TENDENCIES: vidual is trying to put across to wom Many people will be overly critical so clarify. today and it is essential that you realise that factor and try to keep

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Take some time to do something that will put more beauty, art

or comfort in your environment for you are in tune with such a worthwhile project. SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) A good time to have more quire attention before you are free pleasure than for sometime but it is necessary to do so that you arrange the specific delights in careful de-

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Your home can be the most happy place for you to be today whether you entertain or just lounge around there on this pleasant day. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) Many short steps to see relatives, neighbours, close business and personal companious could be your best manner for your enjoying today's aspects.

AOUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have a day now to some out your various practical interests and ventures and to get them arranged so they are easier to handle in the future.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You are apt to indulge in some wishful thinking of daydreaming today that will not be conducive to practical progress so come down to

Go For Wand wins at Belmont Park

NEW YORK (AP) - Go For Wand, the hrilliant 3-year-old filly wbo may challenge colts in the Breeders' Cup Classic, toyed with four rivals Sunday in winning the Beldame at Belmont Park.

Trainer Billy Badgett had said that Go For Wand, a cinch to win the 3-year-old filly championship. will be pre-cotered in both the Breeders Cup Distaff and the Classic oo Oct. 27 at Belmoot.

Fans also got a preview of another Breeder's Cup day starter Sunday wheo they watched Cacoethes win the turf classic in his first start ontside England.

PARIS (R) - Youth had its fling

on Loogchamp's greeo aod

A 23-year-old jockey and a

The old school were swept'

traioer aged 26 combined to lift

the \$1 million top prize in the prix

aside as Saumarez, ridden by

Gerard Mosse, battled on bravely to keep Europe's top horse, race

There were splendid scenes as

the colt returned to the unsad-

dling enclosure to be greeted by

his handler Nicholas Clement and

owner American Bruce McNall,

at 40 still young for a successful

Clement is in only his second

season as a trainer. Before taking

over after the death of his father

the young Frenchman had spells

with two giants of horse racing,

Vinceot O'Brieo and Francois

Currectly, Clement has 60 horses at Chantilly where owners

include Greek shipping supremo

Saumarez, the stable star,

joined Clement only in June after

previous owoer Charles St George, who had campaigned the

colt in Eogland, sold him to

There was swift successs in the

Groop One Grand Prix de Paris

followed by a very disappointing

seveoth in the Phoenix Park

Champioo Stakes in Duhlin early

Saumarez put that sethack be-

hind him with a Group Three

soccess over the Longchamp

McNall for about \$400,000.

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pleasant turf at the weekend.

The California-bred 4-year-old son of Alydar, bought hy Lady Jane Harrisoo at the Keeneland Yearling Sales, scored a wire-towire victory by 11/2 lengths over Alwahush in the 11/2-mile grass stakes. With Approval was third,

another nose back. It was the first victory in four starts this year for Cacoethes. who had two fourth-place finishes and a secood in England.

Trainer Guy Harwood said the colt will be returned to England, then come back for the 11/2-mile Breeders' Cup turf.

Christiaoa Stables' Go For Youth has its fling at I

course and any doubts about his

ability to stay the 2.4 kilometres

ARC distance were firmly nailed

Mosse rode a fine race,

in the straight. Although Eper-

vier Blen was putting in good

closing 150 metres, Mosse still

had three-quarters of a length to

"An excellent horse with an

excellent heart," be said. He might have added it bad been an

excellent piece of opportunism on

Mosse's first ride in the ARC

was in 1984 when, as stable

apprentice to Patrick Biancone,

his job was to ride the pacemaker

must have done the job satisfac-

French jockey's list last year and Sunday's victory was his sixth in

Owner McNall likes the ARC:

Gold Pheasant and Estrapade

were failures in recent memory but McNall did have a half share

in the 1987 winner Trempolino.

Saumarez, the rest lying with a

hig name from ice hockey.

He holds 75 per ceot of

A keen sports fan, McNall is part owner of the Los Angeles

Kings ice hockey team.
"We called Wayne after the

race. He had seen it on television

"We always try and have a runner in it," he said.

Groop One events.

Wayne Gretzky.

He finished fourth in the

his part.

torily.

poaching a four-length lead early in the United States.

work for Dominique Boeuf in the ARCs, but spare a thought for

Wand, ridden by Randy Romero, stayed close to pace-setting colomial waters until the quarter pole. theo drew away for a 4%-length victory over that 5-year-old mare in a time of 1:45 4-5 for the 1 1-8 miles under 119 pounds. The time broke by two-fifths of a secood the stakes record set by Desert Vixen in 1973 and was only twofifths of a second off the track record set by Secretariat that

at a news conference.

or suspended, he said.

Huard."

replace him unless he is injured

Stojkovic, who is due to go to

Germaoy this week for a

month's treatment on an injured

knee. Tapie said if the treatment

did oot work, Stojkovic would

In Germany champions Bayern

Munich returned to the top of the

Bundesliga with a 4-1 victory over

difference from Kaiserslautern who were upset 1-0 hy St. Paulio

The Bavarians lead on goal

have to have an operatioo.

Borussia Moencheogladhach.

Go For Wand earned \$167,700 from a purse of \$279,500 for her seventh victory in eight starts this year and 10th in 12 lifetime races.

A former partner of Neloson

Bunker Huot, when had hlood-

stock interests, McNall, a stamp

and coin collector, owns the

largest coin dealing establishment

all look forward to many more

47-year-old Willie Carson.

Jockey, trainer and owner can

In a long career, Longchamp's

major prize bas always eluded

him. On Sunday, the triple classic

winning filly Salsabil had all the

credentials to make the little Scot.

a very happy man. But it was not

in running and possibly the effects

of a long season took their toll.

Carson and Salsabil could finish

only 10th. It was a sad end for

Salsabil to an otherwise glorious

career. Sad also for Carsoo who

has oot many more ARCs left.

row's meo were making their

Ten lengths in front, tomor-

A poor draw, only average luck

Tanzanian beats brother in: Swedish

race

STOCKHOLM. Sweden (AP) -Simon Robert Naali of Tanzania kicked past his brother Thomas down a muddy homestretch to win the 30-kilometre Lidingolop-

pet Cross Country race Sunday. Naali covered the rough, hilly course in one hour, 37 minutes, 45 seconds, edging his younger brother by one second. Pat Porter of the United States.

an eight-time U.S. national champion, was third in 1:38.34, 1t was the best American finish in 26 years in the Lindingoloppet, cross-country running's loogest The Naali brothers missed the

start after returning late from a pre-race warmup. But theycaught the leaders after two kilometres and then took com-"I wasn't shocked," said Simoo

Robert. "It's a long race and I knew we would catch the leaders. But we had to run very hard in the beginning." His victory in the world's largest cross-country race -

more than 30,000 runners competed this year -- enabled him to sweep Stockholm's major long distance races this year.
The 24-year-old Naali, who has

trained in Sweden since May, won the Stockholm Marathon.

Kasparov to start title defence with black pieces

NEW YORK (R) — The World Chess Championship opens with fiery reigning champion Garry Kasparov, the highest-rated player in the game's history, defending with the black pieces against

his challenger Anatoly Karpov. Chief arbiter Geurt Gijssen of the Netherlands late Sunday pulled out an envelope giving Kasparov the right to draw the colours for the opening game.

But the 27-year-old champion

lost the advantage of the first move when he plucked the wrong envelope from a hlack porcelain bowl at the opening ceremony at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Karpov, 38, who won the right

to initiate play with the white pieces, broke into a wide grin, "Tonight, I'm going to get a good night's sleep," he told Renters. "I need eight to nine hours."

The oddest couple in sport last met three years ago and now compete for a winner's purse of

Some 700 people attended the gala opening ceremony, which raised \$200,000 for the American Chess Foundation fund for chess in school, and play begins on Monday with Karpov attacking in the first of the 24-game series.

The challenger needs to score 12-1/2 points - champion Kasparov retaining the title in the event

Karpov has said he is confident of regaining the championship but the Chess world favours Kasparov, calling him the greatest accused Karpov of any wrongplayer the sport has ever seen. doing or knowlege of the alleged The two radically different men offer.

have played each other more than 120 times, with most games ending in draws. Kasparov admits that he is champion only because he has beaten Karpov two times more than he has lost to him.

Kasparov and Karpov openly admit to disliking each other and shake hands only for the cameras. Their casual conversations are strained and their history is replete with angry moments.

A British magazine once said: "If looks could kill, one of the greatest world title battles would have ended before it started."

Karpov is a Communist Party member, a member of the Soviet parliament and a man held up as a model for Soviet youth to follow in the pre-glasnost days of Leonid Brezhnev,

Kasparov, a flamboyant and daring player, is a staunch anti-Communist who will play under the flag of the Russian Federation to show his distaste for the party that rules his country. . -

The lead-up to the two men's fifth World Chess Championship has been noisy and controversial. Kasparov charged last week that one of his aides was offered a \$100,000 bribe to reveal his strategy for the match. Karpov called the accusation an invention, nonsense and a ploy to bype

Kasparov's manager said the bribe offer was a routine prebminary to a Karpov match. althoogh neither be nor Kasparov

interest in their clash

THE BETTER HALF By Harris CHIPS "I need something to make me feel

young again. From now on, call me 'Dude."

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME, by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each aquain, to form VOYIR NARCK DUSSIC SOME MEN DON'T LIKE BEING ORDERED AROUND UNLESS IT'S THIS. **PINKAD** Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as auggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: RURAL VILLA BUSHEL WATERY Answer: He married a woman who could indeed take a joke—HE WAS IT!

Mutt'n'Jeff

point most eloquently.



GOREN BRIDGE

track two weeks ago. in America and he was very
It is clear the horse likes the excited," he said.

WITH OMAR SHARIF

YOU BE THE JUDGE North-South vulnerable. East

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West Pass Pass Pass Dbl P255 Pass Opening lead: Jack of 7

Fellow the hidding and play of this hand. Then decide whe, if anyone, committed an error in the auction or play.

Note South's game try of three

clubs. It asked partner to bid four spades with help in the club suit. and North duly obliged. West led the jack of hearts. East encouraged with the nine and de-

clarer held up one round, winning the heart continuation. The ace of diamonds was eashed and two dia-mond ruffs were sandwiched around a heart ruff in dummy. Declarer lonk his two club win-

ners, ending on the board, and led another diamond. When East produced the last outstanding card in the suit, declarer ruffed with the ace! West discarded a club and now beld nothing but trumps. When declarer led his last heart,

West was forced to ruff with a trump hooor and then lead way from his J 9 5 of spades. By using dummy's ten judiciously, declarer was able te bold his losers to two trumps and a heart.

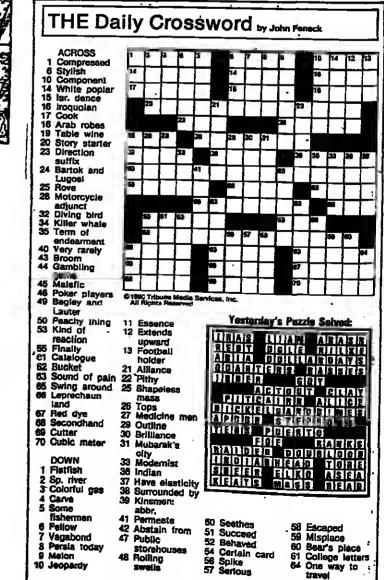
First, we must congratulate declarer on his play. However, we doubt whether he would have performed so skillfully had West refrained from doubling, which revealed the fact that trumps were not breaking, so we must give West a charge. But, most of the blame must be borne by East. By evertaking the jack of bearts with the queen at trick one, East could have assured an entry te his hand. Once in, a spade return would have ferced declarer to bow the knee. Try it, if you

Andy Capp



Peanuts





Sterling jumps for joy at being Eurotunnel Algeria seeks foreign help tied to Europe's currency grid

LONDON (R) — The pound led it back. sterling surged Monday when it But econd finally entered the European currency float after 11 years of resistance by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to yielding government

It rose as high as 3.05 Deutschemarks in a spectacular rally that has taken it up by 10 pfennies since Friday, when news broke that Britain, from Monday morning, would join the 12-nation Enropean Community's exchange rate mechanism (ERM). Hot money flowed in, attracted by high British interest rates and confidence that the ERM, linking

the pound with the mighty Ger-

man currency, means there can

be no sudden new sterling slide.

Bay fever gripped the stock market too. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares leaped ahead, cheered further by a cut in base interest rates to 14 per cent from 15 per cent. But profit-taking later pul-

But economists still saw pain ahead for Britain in its struggle to get its 10.6 per cent inflation under control.

The tabloid Daily Mail said the nation was behaving "like the young recruit whose spirits lift when he is accepted on a commando course... but who has yet to meet his sergeant major." Germany's Bundesbank.

The Mail said the "dour custodians of financial orthodoxy" at the Bundesbank (central bank) would not look kindly on a new consumer boom in Britain before inflation was curbed.

Professor Alan Budd, an economist with Barclays Bank, said the big test would be whether industry realised that it could no longer count ou a weaker pound to make exports competitive if it failed to resist excessive trade union wage demands.

Dealers said economic history was made when trading screens fiashed the "Go" signal.

announcement at 0800 GMT by the Bank of England of the rates at which sterling - the world number one currency in Britain's imperial beyday - is aligned to the mark. It is set at 2.95 marks and may fluctuate in a band between 2.7780 and 3.1320.

After rising just above 3.05 marks the pound eased Monday to around 3.03. That was well within its limits. But some analysts thought it might go higher during the week.

ERM rules say central banks must act if currencies in the grid stray from their assigned bands in annual party conference Tuesday the European float, a mechanism evolved in 1979 to promote could go for a snap election to try monetary stability and so help to for a fourth term in office as early expand trade and beat inflation in

ERM entry made it possible for Thatcher to make the one percentage point cut in interest rates. opened Monday some 240 points nance house UBS-Phillips and or 11 per cent above where it had Drew

This took the form of an been late Friday when the news broke that Britain would enter the ERM.

But it eased later. The Financila Times/Stock Exchange index of 100 top shares stood in early afternoon around 2,215 or up 170 from late Friday.

Critics alleged at the weekend Thatcher overcame her reluctance about ERM entry for electoral reasons.

Her Conservatives trail Labour Party opponents in the opinion polls and a general election must be beld by mid-1992.

The Conservatives start their amid speculation that Thatcher as next June, if the economy picks up.

"Sterling entry is a gamble which undouhtedly has been taken for political purposes," said cuphoric stock market Bill Martin, an economist at fi-

secures financing

LONDON (AP) - Eurotunnel PLC, the Anglo-French consortium huilding the rail munel under the English Channel, has reached an agreement with its banks on £1.8 billion (\$3.5 billion) in new credit, the company said Monday. The lead banks are National Westminster PLC, Banque Nationale de Paris, Credit Lyonnais and Midland Bank PLC. Eurotunnel said they had secured a further £300 million (\$591 million) from the European Investment Bank. The 50kilometre tunnel is scheduled to open in mid-1993. The company said a £530 million (\$1.04 billion) share sale would be held in November and shareholders can apply for a prospectus as of Tuesday. Shareholders already have bought £1 billion (\$1.97 billion)

to shift to market economy ALGIERS (R) - Prime Minister nied by a number of measures of work. Moulond Hamronebe, deter- support from the state," Hammined to shift Algeria to market rouche said.

economy by the end of the year,

and said they should accept change or leave the party. "The government is determined to hring the reforms to fruition until its last day in

office," he said. He repeated vows to complete Algeria's shift to a market economy by year end, despite growing opposition from trade unions, public sector employees and the FLN old guard.

"All state firms will enter a market economy from January. say will undermine the public This decision will be accompa- sector and throw thousands ont of

He urged foreign lenders and has appealed for foreign financial investors to be more forthcomhelp to ease the transition from ing. Foreign bankers were dragtwo decades of central planning. ging their feet over a proposed In an interview with Renters, package to refinance between \$1 be attacked hardline critics of his and \$2 billion of the \$24 billion economic reforms in the ruling foreign debt, he said.

National Liberation Front (FLN) "We have not found the urgen-

cy and comprehension we had wished from our foreign part-ners," he said. "If they want Algeria to remain a stable country, open to the world but retaining its differences, its culture, now is the time for them to come because afterwards it may be too

More than 30 central committee members including prominent ex-ministers and party leaders last week repudiated Hamrouche's programme, which they

Launched by President Chadli Benjedid in the mid-1980s, the reforms have freed state enterprises from central planning, lifted price controls and abolished trading a onopolies. Foreign mul-

invest and sell goods. Hamrouche said the changes threatened the personal economic interests of some people who enriched themselves under the old system of state trading mono-

tinationals have new freedom to

His government enjoyed wide support from farmers, unemployed youth, public sector man-agers and the FLN rank and file, be said. "I am not isolated."

But he said be needed to give citizens tangihle proof in the coming months the country was emerging from economic crisis, and this depended to a large

Budget showdown between White House, Congress may end soon

WASHINGTON (R) — The economy by helping force up U.S. House of Representatives moved Monday to end a deadlock with President George Bush over the federal budget by approving a revised deficit-cutting bill and sending it to the Senate for

approval.
But the key to resolving the impasse still lay with Bush. He must decide whether he will approve a separate stopgap spending bill that would allow the federal government to reopen Tuesday and prevent disruption of most federal services.

The deficit has beloed make the United States the world's largest debtor nation and forced the government to become increasingly dependent on foreign money. The shortfall also has

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interest rates.

After an angry debate that split Honse Republicans, the Democratic-controlled House pushed through a five-year, \$500 billion deficit reduction plan early approval. Monday that would cut spending and raise taxes.

The measure cots \$40 billion in the present fiscal year and would also give congressional committees more flexibility to make decisions that the plan they threw out

It makes a smaller cut in federal medical care for the elderly, taking about \$40 billion to \$50 billion from the medicare programme rather than \$60 hillion. It also gives tax-writing congressional committees latitude to set acted as a drag on the U.S. tax increases rather than a man-

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AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday, October 8, 1990

Central Bank official rates

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession

on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

1.9750/60

1.1525/35

1.5360/65

1.7330/40

1.2865/75

5.1460/1510

1151/1152

130.70/80

5.6500/50

5.8825/75

5.9350/9400

31.59/64

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dated hike in taxes on gasoline,

alcohol and luxury goods. The Senate was expected to pass the revised hudget Monday. The stopgap spending measure would then go to Bush for his

Bush vetoed a temporary spending bill Saturday, putting pressure on Congress to pass a deficit reduction package. He vowed to veto any other temporary hill unless Congress came up with a satisfactory hudget.

His Saturday veto forced the closedown of non-essential federal services.

The temporary spending bill approved by the House would allow the Treasury to resume auctions of bills and notes and forestall the possibility of the first default on federal debt payments.

Number of

businesses

in U.S. rise

WASHINGTON (R) — The number of U.S. businesses owned

by women jumped by 57 per cent between 1982 and 1987, the U.S.

Census Bureau has said in a

report. The bureau said Amer-

ican women owned 4.1 million

firms in 1987 — the most recent

year for which statistics were

available - or 30 per cent of all

businesses in the U.S., up from

2.6 million 1982. "These numbers

confirm that women-owned com-

panies are the fastest growing

sector in our economy," said Susan Engeleiter, administrator

of the U.S. Small Business Admi-

nistration. The number of new

female-owned enterprises grew

four timese faster than the overall

rate of husiness creations in the

United States. From 1982 to 1987

the total number of new

female-owned lateral accords.

Germany, which unified Oct.
3, has ended the agreements, keep on foreign workers.

have been among the first to lose their jobs as inefficient companies in the east cut back work forces to survive.

More than 10,000 have left already and tens of thousands more are expected to follow.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl Monday convened a summit of the nation's most powerful husiness leaders to issue a personal appeal for quick help in rebuilding former East Germany.

told the VIP visitors he invited to

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Germany repatriates thousands of foreign

BERLIN (Agencies) - The new united Germany is using every available plane to send bome Third World workers hired by the east's former communist leaders,

workers

officials said Monday. More than 2,000 unwanted Mozamhican and Vietnamese workers are returning home every week on charter planes from

Berlin's Schoenefeld Airport. "We just haven't got enough planes to cope and are looking for more," said Manfred Knack. head of charter sales at Interflug, the flag carrier of the former East

Around 85,000 workers came to East Germany from socialist Third World countries under bi-

leaving it up to individual companies bow long they want to Vietnamese and Mozambicans

Repatriation started in August.

Germany is offering 3,000 marks (\$2,000) and a flight home to foreign workers, many of whom have suffered racial attacks as scapegoats for East Germany's economic collarse.

"I have a completely personal request to make of you," Kohl businesses rose by 14 per cent. I the chancellery.

Gulf crisis paralyses Omani tourism MUSCAT (AP) — The luxnry authorities say there's little they their feelings," tourism director would only lead to instability botels in this exotic Gulf sultan- can do to convince pleasure- Mohammed Ali Said told the His Western-educated son's a

ate are full of big spenders, but they don't quite fit the profile Oman had in mind when it opened up to tourism three years

worth of Eurotunnel stock.

Although Oman is on the periphery of the Gulf crisis, its reverberations have nevertheless the Gulf. dealt a body blow to the sultanate's burgeoning tourist industry.

"Tourism is out the window," said Jihad Hazzan, general manager of the Muscat Holiday Inn in the capital of what was know mpil the 1970s as the "hermit kingdom" of the Arah World.

raising the stakes in a global

French officials said Monday.

certain level, which officials

The officials, who asked not to

expected to resume the talks later

cash for French cereals. The un-

land productively and would waste it.

productive neighbours.

outnumbered 5-1 by blacks.

building with deluxe finishings.

cattle, sheep and maize farmer, told reporters.

would not disclose.

many, the officials said.

purchases would not fall below a mates.

France offers to help

Soviets pay for wheat

much-needed wheat imports, stralia and Canada.

PARIS (R) - France has offered hetween wheat exporters such as

to help the Soviet Union pay for France, the United States, Au-

hattle for the vast Soviet market, tonnes of grain during the year

In meetings here last week, million tonnes of wheat, accord-

France offered to guarantee bank. ing to the U.S. Agriculture De-

credits that would help Moscow partment. France sold the Soviets

buy French wheat in exchange for about two million tonnes of

a commitment that Soviet wheat wheat, according to French esti-

But Soviet officials rejected the year, it is still expected to buy

offer, in part because it included about 30 million tonnes of grain

a requirement to buy meat and from overseas suppliers, accord-

milk, which are covered in a ing to the U.S. agency. Much

separate Soviet accord with Ger- Soviet grain is damaged getting to

be identified, said Paris made the da last week sold about five mil-

offer in talks with Soviet lion tonnes of wheat and harley to

Deputy Foreign Minister Gairat the Soviet Union in a deal that

this month in Moscow, they said. commodifies groups Friday urged

credit hut certain conditions were quickly to grant guaranteed farm

attached to it," one French offi- credits to Moscow, saying Amer-

precedented eredit guarantee not be eligible for U.S. credit

offer was expected to intensify until it approves a law easing

White S. Africans demand

PRETORIA (R) — Angry white South African farmers demanded President F.W. de Klerk drop plans to scrap race laws governing land

At a protest meeting in the city hall, many said they were not in

principle against having black neighbours hut that experience elsewhere in Africa had shown blacks were not capable of cultivating

"This is not a plea for apartheid, it's more of a plea to let people be humans with enough food to eat," T.C.J. "Boet" von Rensburg, a

"We should stop this African tendency of giving people access to ground which could be productive and after that it is not productive,"

John Cameron, who farms 7,400 acres of beef and maize, said

whites fear blacks will move to good "white" land in great numbers.

be unable to grow enough for themselves and start stealing from their

About 400 farmers from the Transvaal, mainly Afrikaners, came to express outrage to de Klerk's plan to scrap next year the 1913 and

1936 land acts which reserve more than 80 per cent of land for whites,

It is one of the most far-reaching moves of de Klerk's reform

programme. It would end the partitioning of the country into white and hlack regions, with blacks in poorer parts.

The land proposal has also drawn fire from Nelson Mandela's

African National Congress (ANC), the main black opposition group,

for provisions giving security to whites already holding land titles.

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ownership, widely regarded a pillars of white supremacy.

In the past Moscow has paid foreign competition.

the battle for the Soviet market curbs on emigration.

scrapping land reform

"We were ready to offer them President George Bush to move

Rakhimbaev. The two sides were was sweetened with credit.

the markets

seekers that Oman is distant form any potential flashpoint. Instead, block bookings by

hundreds of Kuwaiti refugees and Western military personnel have filled some of the rooms aimed at the tourists now steering clear of Muscat is 1,120 kilometres

from the Kuwaiti-Sandi Arabia border area where most of the Western, Arab and other troops have been massing since Iraq's takeover of Kuwait. "It's safe bere in Oman, hut

whatever you tell people, they Almost all tourist bookings won't believe you, It's psycholo-have been cancelled, and tourism gical and you can understand

Moscow imported 38 million

ending last June 30, including 14

Although the Soviet grain har-

vest may reach record levels this

Grain trade sources said Cana-

Sixteen major U.S. farm and

ican sales were threatened by

But Bush has said Moscow will

Associated Press. Hoteliers are grateful for the

admit to a bleak outlook for the oil boom of the 1970's, changed October-March high season. That's when Oman's winter sunshine, unspoilt beaches and five-star hotels have been attract-

ing an increasing number of wealthy visitors. Oman had just started to exunder carefully drawn up behavior and dress codes in this

strictly Muslim state. After climbing out of more social stagnation, Oman's cloaks.
attempts to pull in tourist foreign Their

Only 900 carefully selected tourists were allowed into the country in 1987 when the forbid-

gates to foreigners. Since then, the number of tourists has risen steadily each year, sultanate without visas. and 4,000 were expected this winter from the United States, Western Europe, Australia and

the face of the country. The sultan's late father, the eccentric Said Bin Taimur, had absent tourists. sought to keep this nation of 1.5 as possible from the modern Holiday Inn's Hazzan.

His Western-educated son's ascent to the throne, widely believed to have been engineered refugee and military business, but by the British, combined with the

> As part of his long-term economic planning, Qaboos has tried to broaden the nation's economic base with ventures like tourism.

But for now, the bulk of the sultanate's foreign visitors are ploit its tourist potential, albeit swathed in Arab robe and headdress - or freshly laundered battle dress.

Kuwaiti businessmen haggie across bank counters in their than a century of political and gold-embroidered camel hair

Their wives and children linger exchange to offest depressed oil beside temperature-controlled prices were just beginning to bear swimming pools and stroll along extravagant cafe boulevards contrived for Western tastes.

As nationals of the Gulf Coop-

eration Council states of Babrain. den city of Muscat first opened its Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, Kuwaitis can enter the A few thousand have made

Oman their temporary bome since Saddam Hussein's invasion. Like the American, British,

Since Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, Australian and French troops Oman's ruler, onsted bis who drop in to Muscat for rest Oman has embarked on an eco- Kuwaitis are indulged by hovernomie and social development ing Asian waiters, Italian harpists programme which has changed and French chefs presenting

haute cuisine around the clock. All was originally meant for the

"I don't hiame anyone at all for million on the southeastern rim of not wanting to come here. It's the Arabian Peninsula as isolated just out of the question," said the

"If I wanted a boliday, I cer-

Sultan Said banned medicines, tainly wouldn't take my wife and foreign music, books and even small children to the Middle radios. He believed education East."

Yamani says oil should be \$15-18 once crisis is over

LONDON (R) - Former Sandi production policy which resulted Arabian oil minister. Sheikh in prices crashing to around \$10. would be \$15 to \$18 a barrel - Gulf. half of today's price.

"Probably a price of \$15 might price for the benchmark North now," Yamani told delegates change was \$37.15 a barrel. former minister.

"Eighteen dollars is the maximum price producers should charge for a barrel of oil," he said, but added that they should be flexible to adjust it slightly later

kingdom's oil minister in 1986, down on pre-invasion levels, he He belped OPEC pursue a high said.

Ahmed Zaki Yanani, said Mon- Last week Yamani forecast oil day that a reasonable price for oil prices shooting up to between \$60 once the Gulf crisis was settled and \$100 if war hroke out in the By mid-afternoon Monday the

not be bad in light of the drop in Sea Brent hlend crude oil on the demand caused by the high price International Petroleum Exattending a conference organised The European spot market by the Centre for Glohal Energy price for cargoes for delivery in

Studies, which was set up hythe the next two weeks stood at \$38.40, down 65 cents from Fri-

Kuwaiti crude had left supplies to Yamani lost his joh as the the market only two per cent

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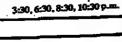
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Heavy fighting between troops, Kashmiri militants claims 5 lives

civilians were killed in Srinagar, summer capital of India's embattled northern state of Jammu and Kashmir, in heavy fighting between separatist militants and Indian troops Monday, witnesses

As fighting that started in the morning raged on into the afternoon, there were no available details of the deaths, mostly concentrated in the old city of Srinagar - centre of an anti-Indian campaign.

Eyewitnesses said several houses were ahlaze and fire engines rushed to the area. In the Noorhagh area of the old

city, troops and paramilitary forces were fighting a group of militants who had taken refuge in a house, police said.

Describing the fighting as "very fierce", one senior official said the militants were burling grenades and firing automatic weapons in a bid to prevent Indian troops from entering some of their strongholds in the old city.

The official said that on Sunday night, paramilitary troops hurnt down 163 houses in old Srinagar after militants killed two members of the security forces. Austrian Socialists lead in

VIENNA (AP) - Chancellor

Franz Vranitzky remained in

position Monday to rebuild his

broad coalition government, hut

a charismatic populist campaign-

ing on a nationalist platform

scored blg gains in national elec-

The popular, charismatic Vra-

nitzky defied predictions of large

losses for his Socialist Party in

Sunday's vote, But his conserva-

tive partner, the People's Party,

Joerg Haider's populist Free-

dom Party nearly donbled its

parliamentary representation on

the strength of his appeals to

nationalist sentiments, warnings

of rising crime and complaints

over Austria's relatively liberal

immigration policies for Eastern

Interior Minister Wolfgang

Stasi" members "who were once

His comments follow other

of East Germany's Stasi secret

police are currently bolding offi-

cial jobs in the new united Ger-

Schaeuhle made special men-

tion of the official trusteeship

overseeing the privatisation of

husinesses in former East Ger-

He said ex-Stasi members

тапу.

suffered the worst electoral set-

back of its 45-year history.

were also killed, he said.

A spokesman for the rebel Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) alleged that Indian troops were setting whole residential areas on fire to flush out the militants.

But an Indian army spokesman said the fires were caused by grenades and petrol bombs lob-bed by the militants on houses rushed by troops.

Last Monday, local residents accused paramilitary troopers of setting fires that burned more than 400 buildings in the Kashmir Valley town of Handwara in revenge for the killing of a colleague in the main bazaar.

Two local policemen said they watched the troopers setting fires with petrol and gunpowder, bur Kashmir Police Chief J.N. Saxena said the blazes were started by grenades and hullets during a

More than 1,500 people have died since January when the separatist campaign exploded in India's only Muslim-majority

elections, but opposition gains

The Socialists consider Haid-

er's party too far to the right to be

considered a governing partner and the 53-year-old Vranitzky

offered to join with the People's

Voters seemed to prefer perso-

Party in another governing coali-

nalities to parties, reflecting

widespread dissatisfaction with

hureaucracy, corruption and par-

'It was a vote for the chancel-

lor," said Socialist Party chief

secretary Josef Cap, assessing the

Vranitzky led a campaign

largely focused on his continuing

role as head of government. His

personal popularity appeared to win the day, despite a series of

scandals involving tampering with

be in Austria, Switzerland or

According to well-informed

been having discussions recently

His wife Andrea is with him but

his 11-year-old son is staying with

Wolf, who led one of the

world's most efficient intelligence

networks for two decades until

1987, is wanted on an arrest

warrant issued hy the prosecu-

conservative Christian Democra-

tic Union (CDU) will win four of

the five East German state elec-

a married brother.

ty privileges.

fireman were missing.

Clashes between Indian security forces and the Kashmiri militants have become more frequent in recent weeks with New Delhi accusing Pakistan of sending in enemy an exemplary lesson. hundreds of militants they have trained. Islamabad denies the

The two countries have fought two of their three wars over Kashmir which left one-third under Pakistani control and the rest under Indian rule.

Meanwhile Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, without naming India, said Sunday Pakistan would teach the enemy a esson if a war was thrust on it.

Pakistan was facing pressure from some neighbours which appeared taking its desire for ice as a weakness, he said.

They seem to be wanting to press us hy provocative statements and troops movements along our border, but we will not he provoked. Ishaq Khan, quoted by the official APP news gency, said.

His remarks to an army confer-Police also reported fighting in ence in the northwestern town Sopore, northwest of Srinagar. Mardan seemed aimed at India.

public funds by Socialist officials.

183-seat parliament, one more

than in the last elections in 1986.

Chancelior Josef Riegler, suf-

fered losses in each of the coun-

try's nine provinces, dropping to

doubled its seats from 18 to 33,

winning almost 17 per cent of the

Alternative Party won an addi-

tional seat for a total of nine.

amounted to a victory for their

party after pollsters predicted

heavy losses for both governing

The Socialists' showing

Haider's Freedom Party nearly

The environmental Green

seats from 77.

popular vote.

Drugs

remain

biggest

problem for

U.S. police

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi-

dent George Bush says America

is making progress in the war against drugs, but cops on the

nation's streets say it's still pretty

bad out there and not getting any

surveyed by the Associated Press.

"It's crazy."

"Anyone who tells you we've

The People's Party, led by Vice

One militant and two civilians They said three policemen and a accused by Islamabad of moving troops closer to their border. Ishaq Khan said the Pakistani

army's defence preparedness was very high, adding: "If war is thrust on us, we shall teach the "Not only the armed forces but

every son of the country has resolved to stand like a rock for the defence of the motherland and anybody banging his head against it will be shattered into pieces."

Pakistan and India have fought three wars since their 1974 independence from Britain, two of them over the Himalayan state of Kashmir.

Pakistan's army chief, General Mirza Aslam Beg, said last week that India's 12th Army Corps was moving from its peacetime positions in Rajasthan towards the Pakistani border. India denied this and Western

diplomats in Islamabad also discounted any reports of military

A Pakistani army source said Sunday that units of the 12th Army Corps had started moving towards the border. "They can go on denying it hut it is a fact of life," the source said.

Mandela, De Klerk discuss According to final results, the Socialists won 43 per cent of the popular vote and 81 seats in the

CAPE TOWN (AP) - President F.W. De Klerk and Nelson Mandela met Monday for talks on the factional fighting in black townships that has strained relations between the government and the African National Con-

Mandela, the ANC leader, has accused the security forces of orchestrating the violence in that has claimed about 800 lives since early August.

"These groups want to destroy the ANC so that we would take up arms and fight among ourselves," Mandela said Sunday in the eastern city of Pietermaritzburg.

De Klerk and government officials have denied the charge. They have challenged the ANC to provide proof of security force involvement and pledged to investigate any allegations. Local news reports said Man-

dela would give De Klerk information backing his claims. raised Monday are the release of political prisoners and the return

The number of prisoners has been estimated at up to 3,000. The ANC says it has some 20,000 members in exile.

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townships around Johannesburg

of ANC exiles. The government

has agreed to both measures. pected to play a role in plenum



Mikhail Gorbachev Soviet

Communists discuss economic hardship

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Communist Party, its popularity dropping sharply throughout the country, met Monday to chart policies to fight a winter of econo-

mie hardship.
The Soviet News Agency
(TASS) said President Mikhail Gorbachev addressed a meeting of the policy-making Central Committee, which was expected to focus on economic issues.

The country faces food and energy shortages, but radicals and conservatives have failed to agree on a national reform plan. Gorbachev has embraced a radical "500-day" plan to move to

a market economy, but he is still being resisted by his Prime Minis-ter, Nikolai Ryzhkov, and conservatives in the party. It seemed likely the Central Committee pleoum would witness sharp disagreements on

wider issues of political perestroika, or restructuring.
Since its congress in July, the party has lost thousands of members dissatisfied with the strong

influence of conservative officials in its ranks. Departntes have included those of rebel Russian Republic President Boris Yeltsin, Moscow

city chief Gavriil Popov and Leningrad Mayor Anatoly Sob-No strong opposition party has emerged, hut shortages and the danger of strikes this winter could

spawn new political forces to challenge the Communists led by Gorbachev. Party divisions were highlighted by a meeting at the official newspaper Pravda four days ago when, according to the unofficial

Interfax news agency, staff attacked editor-in-chief Ivan Frolov ever falling readership. Frolov, a Central Committee member, denied steering Pravda on too conservative a course. The future of the newspaper was ex-

American doctors win **Nobel Medicine Prize**

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Americans Joseph E. Murray and E. transplantation of other organs, Donnal Thomas won the Nobel Prize in Medicine Monday for their discoveries concerning organ and cell transplantation in

the treatment of human disease. Murray, 71, discovered how to solve the problem of tissue rejection when organs are transplanted in man, and Thomas, 70, managed to diminish the severe reaction that grafts can cause in recipients, said the Nobel Assemhly of the Karolinska Institute. which awarded the prize.

Murray, born in Milford, Massachusetts, is affiliated with Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Thomas, from Seattle, Washington, is with the Fred Hntchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle.

The prize, worth \$695,000 (4 million Swedish kronor), is endowed by the will of dynamiteinventor Alfred Nobel, who died

"Murray's and Thomas' discoveries are crucial for those tens of thousands of severely ill petients who either can be cured, or be given a decent life when other treatment methods are without success," said the assembly.

"This year's laureates paved the way for transplantation in. man," said the award citation.

It said Murray 'pioneered transplantation of kidneys ohtained from diseased persons and could show that patients with terminal renal insufficiency could

such as liver, pancreas and heart.

"Thomas was successful in transplanting bone marrow cells from one individual to another," said the assembly. "Bone marrow transplantation can cure severe inherited disorders such as thalassemia and disorders of the immune system, as well as leukemia

and aplastic anemia."

Murray received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in Boston.

Thomas received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Texas in Austin and his medical degree from Har-

The assembly said Murray was the first to successfully transplant one kidney from one identical twin to another. He showed later that this procedure could be done also between individuals who were not genetically identical.

Since his first operations, the incidence of rejection of transplants has decreased, the award committee said.

Tens of thousands of kidney transplantations are performed in the world each year and the graft survival has gradually improved and is today about 80 per cent of transplanted kidneys," the embly said.

Last year, the prize also went

Seoul opposition leader begins hunger strike SEOUL (R) - South Korea's on prominent South Koreans.

leading opposition politician, Kim Dae-Jung, began a hunger strike Monday to win back support from an electorate dazzled by government diplomatic successes and dialogue with North Korea.

The 66-year-old Kim, an antigovernment campaigner for more than three decades, sipped water at his Seoul headquarters and said he would fast until President Roh Tae-Woo's ruling party snpported his demands.

But opposition lawmaker Lee Hae-Chan told supporters at Kim's headquarters: "It is naive and premature that the honger strike could draw interest and support when the Korean people are focussed on revitalised South-North dialogue.

Kim demanded the government hold local elections, overhaul the defence agency embroiled in a domestic spy scan-next week but there are signs that dal and scrap plans to change maybe the North is starting to be South Korea's government from a presidential to a Westminsterstyle cabinet system.

Roh sought to minimise political damage from a domestic spy tracted by increased North-South scandal hy replacing Defence contacts, by newly forged rela-Minister Lee Sang-Hoon and the tions with the Soviet Union, and general in charge of an intelli-increasingly repelled by political gence agency accused of snooping squabhling.

The scandal has diminished the credibility of Roh's government which has basked in the afterglow of diplomatie success and of renewed contacts with arch-foe

North and South Korean officials met Monday to discuss a soccer match between the two Koreas Thursday in Pyongyang. Another match is scheduled in Seoul for Oct. 22.

Contacts between the Koreas, still technically at war from the 1950-53 Korean conflict, seem to have increased since the Northern and Southern prime ministers met in Seoul last month. Another meeting is due in Pyongyang next

"There's a lot happening," a Western diplomat commented about North-South relations. "I'm not wildly optimistic about

Kim's hunger strike was a bid to reclaim the attention of a South Korean electorate dis-

LONDON (AP) — The British Academy of Film and Television

Connery wins rare award

Artists Sunday presented actor Sean Connery with a rare award for "his outstanding contribution to world cinema." The special award was presented by Princess Anne, daughter of Queen Elizabeth II and president of the academy. Connery said at the ceremony party he was "very moved." "This for me is certainly as important if not more so than the Oscars because I don't live either here or in America these days. "I am very much an international waif and to find that people recognise your contribution is marvellous." Connery lives in the south of Spain. The princess said of Connery: "He is professional about everything and works very hard — and that is not only on screen. Maybe we are short of real heroes, but he is a shining example of a hero for a whole generation." Director Sir Richard Attenborough said: "He is one of the finest actors in the world." Connery, who played James Bond in seven films until 1983 and then quit for other roles, is only the third recipient of the Academy's Silver Mask Tribute Award. The previous winners were Dirk Bogarde and Julie Andrews. The 60-year-old actor, who was born in an Edinburgh tenement, is still one of the world's top box office draws. He won the 1988 Oscar for best supporting actor in the Untouch-

Menem takes Salinas for a spin

BUENOS AIRES (R) — When rain wrecked Sunday's official programme for visiting Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, Argentina's rally-driving leader Carlos Menem invited him out for a spin in a two seater Coupe and an informal lunch at a roadside restaurant. Violent storms forced the two presidents. to cancel their flight to the Iguazu Falls in northern Argentina. Salinas was instead invited to Menem's official residence in the suburbs of Buenos Aires. After a brief chat the two set off in an imported red Mazda sports car and, closely followed by security guards and a mass of press photographers, headed for the nearby Panamerican Highway where they lunched at a barbecue restaurant. Menem is known for his liking of fast cars and numbers rally driving among his sporting activities, which also include tennis, soccer and basketball.

Agneili acquitted on drug charges

MALINDI, Kenya (AP) -

Eduardo Agnelli, heir to the Fiat auto fortune, was acquitted on a charge of heroin possession. Magistrate Martin Mnya freed Agnelli and two Kenyans accused with him, saying the prosecution failed to prove its case. Agnelli called it a set up. The prosecution claimed Agnelli and his co-defendants threw a sachet of heroin into an adjoining room when police raided a home in the nearby village of Watamn on Ang. 21. But Muya noted that the heroin could not have been tossed over the wall separating the rooms, as police elaimed, hecause the rooms had ceilings of woven mats. "I swear upon God I did not have the drug," Agnelli said later outside the courtroom. "The whole thing was a plant and the judgment was very fair. God hless this country." Agnelli, 36, is the only son of Giovanni Agnellii, chairman of the Fiat auto company. The family is one of the world's wealthiest.

Day is returning to acting, 17 years after she left television. Miss Day, 66, is signing a multipicture deal with ABC Productions to star in television movies for ABC Television, the studio said this week. The contract calls for her to be in three TV films a year as a recurring character. The character is still in the planning stages. Production is expected to begin at the end of the year, with three movies to be televised during the 1991-92 season. Miss Day has appeared in more than 40 motion pictures, the last being the comedy With Six You Get Egg Roll in 1968. Her last TV series was the comedy The Doris Day Show from 1968-73.

Khmer Rouge to attack key Cambodian town

SIEM REAP PROVINCE, Cambodia (AP) - Bolstered by their first shipments of Chinese tanks, Khmer Rouge guerrillas are preparing a major attack to seize an area considered Combodia's most important cultural and historie

"It's getting worse by leaps and hounds," said Police Lt. Josh Landers of Yonkers, New York. Bush and National Drug Con-

trol Policy Director William J.

the nation's most disruptive drug - cocaine - had been reduced, reflected in higer prices and lower

cocaine shortage that may be partly caused by suppliers rigging the market to increase profits.

almost a non-existent statement."

cocaine has shot up by as much as 85 per cent in such cities as Boston and Monroe, Louisiana. It rose 75 per cent in New York City and 70 per cent in Los Angeles.

On the street, a gramme of cocaine powder cost around \$93 this September, about 19 per cent higher than last year, the survey

take Siem Reap. Analysts said the capture of Siem Reap and Angkor Wat would be a major psychological

Thai and Western sources. speaking on condition of anonyof 24 tanks is the first such ship ment ever to the guerrillas. Dozens of the Communist rebels have returned to the jungles from China, where they were trained to operate tanks, they said.

bang province.

The rebels have massed tanks,

A recent 10-day, 300-kilometre trek through guerrilla-held areas near Angkor Wat showed the rebels had overrun important positions and moved freely through villages less than an hour's drive from the Siem Reap

"We were ordered to attack

Khmer Rouge bulldozers and chainsaws are carving tank and truck roads through the jungles toward Angkor Wat.

Siem Reap is alarming," said a Western military intelligence analyst. "They are using a strategy different from anywhere else. It looks like a real move to victory.

mity, said China's secret delivery The sources said 12 tanks are at

the Khmer Rouge-controlled district capital of Andung Veng, the staging area for the offensive against Siem Reap. The other 12 town of Pailin in western Battam-

The guerrillas have also received scores of Chinese jeeps, transport trucks, and heavy The Khmer Rouge has relied

on Chinese arms in the nearly 12-year-old war against the Vietnamese-installed government. which is armed by the Soviet Union. Hundreds of thousands of peo-

ple died from starvation, execution and disease during the Khmer Rouge's fanatical Communist rule from 1975 until Vietnam invaded in late 1978. Areas of the country's north

are under the control of forces loyal to former monarch Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who are allied with the Khmer Rouge and a third rebel group. Sihanouk has wide support among peasants, and several thousand of his troops move freely through scores of isolated rural villages.

They are welcomed by many villagers fearful of the Khmer Rouge and deeply suspicious of Vietnam's influence over Prime Minister Hun Sen's government in Phnom Penh, the Cambodian

But Sihanouk commanders say

of weapons, but few supporters," said Sihanouk Commander Gen. Kien Van, at his jungle headquarters less than 32 kilometres from Angkor Wat.

but few weapons. So the Khmer Rouge get stronger and the non-

pean countries recently decreased their support for the non-Communist guerrillas, fearing the aid would help the Khmer Rouge return to power.

provide a democratic alternative to the Cambodian people, but we are weak," said Prince Norodom Ranariddh, Sihanouk'a son and the commander in chief of his

two major forces in Cambodia the Khmer Rouge and Hun Sen," "We are not going to cooperate

ing Siem Reap), but on the other hand I cannot prevent the Khmer Rouge from attacking." Only a negotiated settlement as set out by the U.N. Security Council, he said, would prevent the Khmer Rouge from capturing the cities.

They have cut the government

supply roads and built a sophisticated resupply system," he said. Gen. Kien Van said the Khmer Rouge had promised 2,000 troops to attack Siem Reap. "We will

Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States - agreed to a new peace plan for Cambodia in late Angust. But talks on the plan among the Cambodian factions broke down in Bangkok last mouth.

talks should be held on the Khmer Rouge-controlled Khulen Mountain, north of Siem Reap Meanwhile South East Asian

dian guerrillas and the Vietnamese-backed government there to hasten the peace process and end the conflict that has bled the nation for a decade. Several ministers, attending a special two-day meeting of the

to increase trade and tighten political ties to Vietnam once the conflict is resolved. "Everyone should try to per-

Alberta, made informal pledges

A council representing Phnom Penh and its guerrilla opponents has been set up to implement a nlan under which the United Nations takes control of the coun-

The ASEAN meeting, a special conference hosted by Canada as a "dialogue partner" of the nations, while described as low key, yielded informal pledges from the ministers to increase pressure on Cambodia to resolve the crisis through bilateral discussions.

fication last week, denied Mon-Bennett emphasised the positive its survey of voters in the five day that he is on the run. during a Sept. 5 White House Western military analysts say. states that replaced East Ger-I am only on holiday, not on session marking the first The rebels recently took the the run and not in exile," many on unification last Wednes-"We have lots of supporters anniversary of the administrakey government artillery base at teportedly wrote to the federal tion's drug strategy. Sre Noi, and now say they are prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe. The Dortmund-based Forsa In-They pointed to a slight de-crease in hospital emergency preparing to attack Bantei Srei, stitute poll said the CDU only lagged behind its Social Demo-"I remain at your disposal, you Communists get weaker." The United States and Eurothe last major government posican reach me through my room admissions for cocaine and tion defending the provincial capital of Siem Reap and the are near the Khmer Rouge-held lawyers," the letter added. crat (SPD) rivals in Brandenburg heroin, attitudinal surveys show-The Bild newspaper, in a story released ahead of publication but would win double the SPD ing growing opposition to drug nearby Angkor Wat temples, the vote in some other states. use, and signs that the supply of symbol of Cambodian civilisa-

The AP survey did find that cocaine has indeed become more expensive and less pure in most areas. When the DEA found similar changes during the summer, it concluded there was

"What we're hearing on the streets is they say it's just dry out there," said police detective Daryl Higgins of Tacoma. Washington. "They can't get nothing. A year ago, that was

The average price of a kilo of

After making major gains in rural areas in the past year, the Khmer Rouge are shifting to conventional military tactics to seize cities and key economic regions,

heavy guns and troops to attack government defences in this northwestern province, according to field commanders and Khmer Rouge fighters interviewed in the guerrilla zone.

provincial capital.

Bantei Srei this month and then we will attack Siem Reap," said Bong Thieun, a young Khmer Ronge soldier interviewed at Sre

"What we see happening in

they cannot compete for territory with the Khmer Rouge, who reportedly have stockpiles of ammunition to fight for several years if China were to cut them

"The Khmer Rouge have lots

We are doing our best to

"The West has decided not to support us, so there remains only

with the Khmer Rouge (in attack-

have seized Angkor Wat and Siem Reap by January at the latest," he said, The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council —

After the failure of the Bangkok talks, Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan said the next

foreign ministers agreed Sunday to step up pressure on Cambo-Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Jasper,

suade or convince them," said Indonesia's Foreign Minister Aly Alitzs. There will be an increase in economic exchanges and political relationships between Vietnam and the ASEAN."

try's administration pending free

Doris Day returning to acting after 17 years LOS ANGELES (AP) - Doris

Germany vows to pursue ex-Stasi members in office BONN (Agencies) - The In- Tuesday, said Wolf is believed to terior Minister has vowed to pursue any members of the East Hungary, and Israel has not been German secret police who hold ruled out. official positions in united Germany, a newspaper reported sources quoted by Bild, Wolf has Monday. Schaeuble pledged that former high up and are now again swimming like beads of fat on top of the soup" would lose their jobs, reported the newspaper Die news reports that many members

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turned the corner and we're wintor's office. Police failed to find him ning the war, that's hogwash," said a Miami-hased Drug En-Wednesday when agents searforcement Administration ched his Berlin home and his luxury Baltie Sea holiday house. (DEA) agent. The agent, who spoke on con-In a separate development, a poll published Sunday predicted that Chancellor Helmut Kohl's dition of anonymity, was one of more than two dozen law enforcement officials nationwide

found working there would be tions set for Oct. 14. fired, the newspaper reported. Meanwhile former East Ger-'The victorious march of the CDU appears to be unstoppman spy chief Markus Wolf, who eluded arrest npon German uniable," said the right-wing Bild am Sonntag tabloid, commenting on

Shuttle, Ulysses fly into 3rd day in space

CAPE CANAVERAL (R) -The U.S. shnttle Discovery and its solar probe Ulysses sailed flawlessly into the third day of their space missions Monday, NASA officials said. Late Sunday, Discovery was

and operations were proceeding The Ulysses solar probe, released by Discovery six hours after its liftoff Saturday, was on a flawless trajectory, the officials

described as "a very clean ship"

Its status was "completely green" as it headed out further into space and its rendezvous with the planet Jupiter, said mission commentator Bruce Welch. Ulysses's primary five-year mission is to supply the first

three-dimensional information on

solar activity. After observing

Jupiter it will be boosted into

solar orbit by a gravitational

assist from the giant planet. The launch represented the culmination of an often frustrating 14-year European Space Agency (ESA) project. And with Discovery's successful launch providing a boost to the manned

may be over. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) shuttles had been grounded since last May, when Columbia developed hydrogen fuel leaks. In June a fuel leak was discovered in

U.S. space programme, the most dramatic elements of the mission

NASA says Atlantis is ready to

fly and has scheduled a Novem-

ber flight with a secret military

payload. Columbia's problem has

not been resolved but NASA en-

gineers say they are confident it

will be launched before the end of